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## Harold F. Bigelow Retires From P.O.

Last Saturday night at the Valley Vista Inn friends of Harold F. Bigelow gave a surprise banquet party for him. The dinner honored him after 32 years of work in the East Northfield post office, and was given by 30 post office employees and their families, relatives and friends. He received a purse of money and other gifts. He started work on Nov. 1, 1925, and remembers the days when a thousand would attend the summer conferences and there would be a "village of tents" on the campus. Mr. Bigelow left Thursday for a four-day hunting trip in New Hampshire. After the dinner Miss Natalie Briesmaster of the Valley Vista Inn showed the Alaskan pictures of her brother, Harold, who left Friday for Alaska. Especially appropriate were bear-hunting pictures.

As much as the people of East Northfield will seriously miss Mr. Bigelow and all the ways in which he has helped them, they are thankful that retirement for him does not mean moving elsewhere, but a continuation of his home life on Maple street in Northfield.

## Program Features Ken Gore, Artist

Tickets will be on sale at the door to night for the program being presented by Ken Gore, artist, lecturer and specialist in palette knife techniques, featuring painting demonstrations.

Mrs. Richard Williams will accompany Miss Jessica Walker, soprano soloist, and Miss Eleanor Powers, tap dancer.

This is an unusual type of program for Northfield and a good evening's entertainment is promised all who attend.

## Bernardston Grange To Sponsor Party

A public card party at the Grange hall and a public dance at the town hall in Bernardston are being sponsored by the Bernardston Grange on Saturday evening, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m.

## Annual Hort. Show To Feature Mums

The horticultural show staged free for the public is to be held this week end at the "Cage" at the University of Massachusetts. The hours for this 45th annual event are: Friday, Nov. 1, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 2, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The main feature this year will be a chrysanthemum garden with about 20 varieties of "mums" and hundreds of individual plants.

The event is staged by four year students and students in the Stockbridge school of agriculture. In addition to student exhibits there will be departmental exhibits including agronomy, arboriculture, floriculture, food management, food technology, forestry, landscape architecture, olericulture, landscape operations, pomology, turf management and wild life and several commercial exhibits.

Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Curry Hicks field house the award of "Horticulture of the Year" will be presented to Clark L. Thayer of Amherst. The award will be made by Charles McNamara, state commissioner of agriculture. Mr. Thayer, retired teacher, writer and horticulturist, is well known here in Northfield as a judge at flower shows and a speaker on garden subjects.

## United Fund Campaign

Dr. George B. Granger, chairman for Northfield, reports 88% of the town's quota of \$2,800 contributed, \$2,458.50 has been collected to date. This does not include \$1,083 received from Northfield in the advance sales contributions.

The town was divided into three areas, West Northfield with Mrs. Milford Atwood as leader; East Northfield and Northfield with Mr. Granger as leader and Northfield Farms with Mrs. Donald Snow and Mrs. Lawrence Hammond as co-leaders.

Chosen as workers in West Northfield were Mrs. George Payne, Mrs. Edward Fortier, Mrs. Gilbert Stacey, Mrs. Gerald Barnes and Mrs. Andrew Kazanowski.

In the Northfield and East Northfield area, workers were Mrs. A. E. French, Mrs. Charles Mayberry, Mrs. Hubert Eastman, Mrs. A. W. Stompe, Mrs. Henry Prescott, Mrs. Samuel Bishop, Mrs. Lorimer Drury, Mrs. Clifford Field, Mrs. Harvey Hatheway, Roy Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. George Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Donald McColester, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Erickson, Paul Thompson, Walter Bailey, Wynne Keever, Bryan Cummings, Edward M. Powell, Jr., Alden Edson, Carlton Woods, Mrs. R. L. Wood, Fred Pallam, Miss Della White, Mrs. Doris Taylor, Miss Gladys Elithorpe, Duncan Campbell, Mrs. LeRoy Edson, Eugene Miller and Mrs. Herbert Baker.

Collectors in the Northfield Farms area are Mrs. Winthrop Spencer, Mrs. Herman Fisher, Mrs. Walter Clark, Mrs. Kenneth Leach, Miss Peggy Streeter, Mrs. Robert Shearer, Mrs. Robert Barnes and Charles Llewellyn.

Collector at Northfield School for Girls is Miss Elsie Scott.

## 4-H Tractor Club Elects Officers

A 4-H club new to this area was organized last week. It's the 4-H Tractor maintenance and repair group. At the first meeting held at Whitney's Tractor Sales on Birnam road officers elected were: president, Robert McCollum; vice president, Forrest Carey; secretary-treasurer and reporter, Henry Kazanowski.

Marshall Lanphear is the club leader and they studied safety points in driving tractors and safe methods of hitching appliances, such as balers, sawing rigs and hydromatic lifts.

The next meeting will be Nov. 4 at 7:30 at Whitney's. Boys interested in learning about tractors are invited to join this group.

## Fortnightly To Hear Talk on Old China

The Fortnightly will meet on Friday, Nov. 1, at the Alexander hall with a coffee hour at 2 p.m. preceding the 3 o'clock business meeting. The guest speaker of the afternoon is to be Miss Catherine Bassett of Belchertown. Miss Bassett is an antique dealer with an inherited interest in antiques. She is a descendant of the founder of the Sandwich Glass Works and is particularly qualified to speak on glass and china. On a former visit to Northfield she spoke about glass and this week Friday her subject will be Grandmother's Best China. She will bring with her an exhibit of china. The Fortnightly quartette will furnish music for the afternoon.

Miss Charlene Chamberlain, a senior student nurse at the Franklin county public hospital, now affiliating in pediatrics at the Boston Floating hospital, was brought back to the Greenfield hospital by ambulance on Tuesday suffering from a virus infection. She is receiving care here at the hospital near her friends and family.



Emil Aanderud, trumpettist, who will present a concert of sacred music and speak Saturday, Nov. 2, at Northfield Baptist church.

## Special Town Meeting Votes \$1216 Annually for Improved Lighting

At the special town meeting held on Monday evening a small percentage of voters, a few over 100, voted to improve the lighting on the Main street at a cost of \$1216 annually.

The recommendations presented by Selectman Wallace Stange had been drawn up with the assistance of Western Massachusetts Electric company consultants and were accepted without change. This calls for the renewal of 5 present lights and the installation of 28 new ones.

Beginning at the south these with the annual cost are: at Main and Maple streets at a cost of \$60 per year; at the center, which includes one in front of the town hall and one in front of St. Patrick's church, \$430 per year; the intersections of Meadow and School streets with Main street, \$120; the Dickinson Memorial library and Dickinson street, \$50; Holton and Main streets, \$92; Elm and Main streets, \$52; in front of Aldrich's store, \$46; in front of Valley Vista Inn, \$60; Pine and Main streets, \$134, and Moody and Main streets, \$126.

At the center and at a few other places these will be 11,000 lumen mercury vapor lights, the others vary in lighting power. These costs are for power only as the installation cost is carried by the electric company.

The sum of \$150 was voted transferred from available funds to cover the cost for December as the lighting cannot be completed before then.

The majority of those present felt that some sort of a flashing traffic signal should be installed at the center and an effort will be made to have this done by the department of public works. This department has already promised speed zoning from Bernardston to the New Hampshire state line which will include the Main street and a traffic count during the peak of the travel season next summer.

After some discussion \$6500 was voted as a transfer from the road machinery account to purchase a truck and sand spreader. Stanley Wickey, selectman in charge of the roads, stated that the truck will be similar to those already owned by the town and that there would be no trade in as the older truck would be used also.

Those present voted to present the electric basketball scoreboard now at the town hall to the Pioneer Valley regional school for use in the gymnasium.

Of interest was the fact brought out that no acknowledgment has even been received from the department of public works concerning the petition recently sent to them and signed by hundreds of Northfield's citizens.

Mrs. W. E. Craig of Scotland, Conn., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Glenn Billings, and family at their home on the Winchester road.

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## Town Increases Safety Precautions

Weekly additional efforts to make Northfield a safer place for pedestrians and motorists appear. Eight "No Parking" signs have been placed in the center of the town. They prohibit parking on both sides of the street from the town hall north to the driveway to the residence of F. Myron Dunnell. An exception, noted on the signs, is the period from 8 a.m. to noon on Sundays.

With the previously painted pedestrian crosswalk and large roadside signs, "Pedestrians crossing" the area is now well marked if folks look "to see." One motorist parked directly beside a sign has remarked that he didn't see any such sign.

## Union Teachers Club Appoints Committees

The Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' club met last week at the Center school here for its monthly meeting with the Center school teachers as hostesses.

The following committee appointments were made by Hugh Hayden, president: program co-ordination committee, Mrs. Ruth Bolton, Paul Seamans, Miss Evelyn Lawley and Mrs. Blanche Seremeth; to the legislative committee, Robert Upham, and to the public relations committee, Mrs. Effie Kornstadt.

The feature of the evening was a Halloween costume party and many came in fanciful and interesting costumes. Mrs. Ruth Stebbins directed the entertainment in the absence of Mrs. Ruth Bolton who was ill.

The program included solos by Mrs. Stebbins and Miss Madeline Smithers and songs by a group, Mrs. Ruby North, Mrs. Dorothea Thomas, Mrs. Clarissa LaClaire, Miss Nola Skillings, Mrs. Helen Gorzocowski, Mrs. Jean Kozlowski and Mrs. Stebbins with Mrs. Virginia Haack as pianist. Mrs. Kozlowski directed games, relays and square dancing. Decorations were done by Mrs. Evelyn Parker, Mrs. Catherine Sheldon and Mrs. Kozlowski. The next meeting will be held in Gill, the date to be announced.

## Miss M. Johnson Observed 99th Birthday Oct. 23

Miss Maverette Johnson, who is living at the Bronson nursing home, observed her 99th birthday on Oct. 23. Miss Johnson lived in Gill and came to Northfield to live when she became blind nine years ago. She has been at the Bronson home since February 1954. Although suffering from arthritis Miss Johnson sits up in a chair every day, is mentally keen and is able to receive callers.

## Youth Group Holds Hayride

The Unitarian youth group and friends numbering 30 enjoyed a hayride Saturday evening followed by a party at the church. The group was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Billings and Raymond Knapp. At the meeting next Sunday evening these young people will study and consider by-laws and meeting procedures. They cleared \$17 on their sale of candy at the recent church rummage and food sale.

## Boy Scouts Hosts To 150 Visitors At "Open House"

Visitors numbering nearly 150 called in at the "open house" at the Boy Scout headquarters Monday evening. The entire building has been placed in order for the season's activities and Scouts Richard Maynard, Dana Caldwell, Ronnie Jordan, James Neigh, Jr., David Sargent and Jerry Scott prepared for the inspection. Signs indicated the location of each patrol and listed the leader and members. There were exhibits on display of a charcoal stove, constructed by the boys, a first aid demonstration, a complete Scout outfit, a cooking outfit, water carrying cans, a mounted knot exhibit and a miniature tower showing lashing knots. There was a most interesting special exhibit of woodcarving by Richard Maynard which included a pack frame, small trunk, neckerchief slider and wooden chains.

Scoutmaster Winthrop Sander-son, leaders and Boy Scouts acted as guides.

This weekend Gilbert Stacy will take a group of boys who wish to qualify as second class Scouts to the Scout camp in Winchester.

## GIRL SCOUT NEWS

There were 40 Girl Scouts at the meeting held Monday afternoon at the Little House. Mrs. Lanphear's second class group planted crocus bulbs; Mrs. Hathaway's backyard campers group pitched a tent and Carol Atwood's patrol was in charge of refreshments. Because the change of time makes it darker earlier the Girl Scout meetings will now be completed by 4:30.—Susan Leonard, Scribe.

## Garden Club Holds Meeting

At the meeting of the Northfield Garden club Monday evening Robert Darr Wert of Gill spoke on "Organic Gardening," a subject which proved a most interesting one to all present.

At the business meeting which preceded the program, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Mrs. Ralph Johnson of Winchester who had been an active member of this club for many years.

New members admitted to membership were Robert Collier, Mrs. Gladys Bistrek and Mrs. Grace Birdsall. Mrs. Fred Huber was appointed to the library committee.

It was voted to again this year light the Christmas tree in front of the Alexander hall.

Mrs. Raymond Parenteau, president, read a letter of appreciation from Dr. Howard L. Rubendall in regard to the traffic island flower beds which the club has sponsored this summer.

An announcement was made of the annual horticultural show being held at the University of Massachusetts this weekend.



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## A Good Suggestion

The president of the New York State Sheriff's association, J. Henry Mock of Nyack, said that it was "about time law enforcement agencies put a stop to the coddling of wayward youngsters."

In a talk before the sheriff's convention, he said that the "withholding of police of names of juvenile offenders under 16 years of age has not to any noticeable degree served to check the growing juvenile crime rate. If certain elements of parents knew their child's name would be made public in the event of an arrest, they would be more likely to take some positive steps to properly discipline the youngster," Mr. Mock said.

We think this suggestion well worth considering.

We have long felt that publicity would be a major deterrent in keeping young people from stepping out of line.

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## CHURCH NOTES

TRINITARIAN  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
REV. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister  
MRS. F. H. MOSSE, Director of  
Christian Education

IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir Director  
MRS. BELLE C. MARDEN, Organist

9:45 a.m., church school.  
11 a.m., public worship. Sermon subject, "Remembrance and Religion." Holy communion will be observed. Pre-school age children attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls. Beginning with the second hymn, children of grades 1, 2 and 3 will be supervised by Mrs. Robert Johnson and students from the Northfield School for Girls.

6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Fellowship of young people meeting in the vestry. Deanna Camp will lead devotions. Mrs. Virginia McDonald, guest and speaker. Subject "Saudi Arabia Today."

7:45 p.m., a meeting of the church cabinet in the new church school rooms.

There will be a meeting of the parents and teachers of the church school in the vestry Monday at 8 p.m.

The annual turkey supper will be served in the vestry Thursday at 6:30. Please buy tickets in advance at the usual stores in Northfield or East Northfield. The

supper is to be served by Mrs. Jennie Johnson and her committee of Guild women.

A square dance, sponsored by the young people of the Pilgrim Fellowship, will be held in the Northfield town hall Friday from 8 to 12 p.m. Ted Cromack will call and music by a four-piece orchestra.

Ladies' Night at the Brotherhood Tuesday, Nov. 12. Entertainment by barber shop quartets.

### NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

MRS. L. P. GOODSPEED, Organist  
and Choir Director  
RAY A. KNAPP, Church School  
Superintendent

Sunday, 9:45, worship service. Guest speaker, Mrs. Niles Goward, president of the Springfield Afternoon Alliance and national chairman of the churchmanship committee of the General Alliance.

Church school, 9:45 a.m., for children of all ages.

The Unitarian youth group will meet at the church at 7 o'clock and will discuss by-laws and business meeting procedures.

Nov. 16. Christmas bazaar.

### ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

REV. HENRY McKEON, Pastor  
REV. ANTHONY RZASA, Curate  
Saturday, Nov. 2, All Saints day, mass will be celebrated at 7:30 and 8 a.m.

Confessions will be heard Saturday, Nov. 2, from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Sunday morning mass, 8:30, followed by church school.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH  
REV. RICHARD GRIFFIN, Pastor  
MISS HAZEL JOY MARCY, Organist  
LAURENCE MARCY, Sunday School  
Superintendent

11 a.m., morning worship.  
12 m., Sunday school.  
6:15 p.m., Young Peoples.  
7:30, Evening service.  
Monday, 7:30 p.m., cottage pray-

## Dickinson Library Notes

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

United Nations day was observed at the library last week with appropriate posters on the bulletin board and booklets of the different countries comprising the U. N., with a display of each country's flag in the reading room.

On exhibit until Nov. 9 are the paintings of the "Coat-of-Arms" and emblems of the American colleges, so beautifully done by Mrs. Josephine S. Roeder of Main street. Be sure to see them when you visit the library.

If anyone has a "hobby" or a collection of any kind which they would like to bring in for exhibition, please contact Mrs. Phelps at the library.

Mrs. Mabel Bonney of East Northfield has loaned to the library for the winter months while she is staying in Greenfield, a beautiful lacy fern. The delicate green fronds add to the attractiveness of the spacious reading room.

Mrs. Evangeline Cook, assistant librarian, and Mrs. Jean Hatheway, library trustee, attended the morning session of the fall meeting of the Connecticut Valley Library association, which was held last Thursday in the Tilton library, South Deerfield. Many of the new fall books were on display for the benefit of the librarians attending.

The book committee of this library, Mrs. Louise Reeves, chairman, Mrs. Jean Hatheway, Mrs. Gwendolyn Leavis and the librarian, Mrs. Florence Phelps, met at the library Friday afternoon. A list of 47 titles was compiled for the current order. We hope to have many of these on our shelves by the end of next week.

The third volume on the history of Great Britain by Winston

Churchill, has been received and is now in circulation. It is called "The Age of Revolution." If not on the shelves, ask for reservation. The book, "Our Literary Heritage," by Van Wyck Brooks, was presented to the library last week by Mrs. Emma Powell. The book, a pictorial history of the writer in America, should prove a popular addition to our collection of books on American literature. Thank you, Mrs. Powell, for your gift.

National Book Week will be observed Nov. 17 to 23.

With the opening of the school year many of the school children ask to visit our "collections" and historical objects on the second floor. Because the second floor is not heated, it would be wise for groups wishing to see them to make their visit as soon as possible.

A New Church Year  
We begin this week a new church year. We trust the vacation season has been a pleasant one for all. While our church program has not been at a standstill, the activities of the summer do not compare well with the other ten months of the year. Many committee meetings have been held. The programs of the several organizations have been set up for the year.

The Church Cabinet has approved the preparation and mailing of more frequent Newsletters to all families of the parish. In this way you will be better informed about what is happening at your church. May the year we are now beginning be the best year for ourselves and the church because we give ourselves more devotedly and completely to the sway and leadership of Christ's spirit. It is his church we are to love and serve.

J. W. R.  
September Worship Services  
Being Broadcast

We are one of the ten churches in Franklin county chosen to broadcast our worship services for a month each year. Our month this year is September. We are grateful to radio station WHAI, Greenfield, for this privilege. We are glad the shut-ins of our parish are able, by this means, to worship with us on these Sunday mornings. Your favorable comments about the services are much appreciated.

Church School  
The first session for this year will be on Sunday, the 8th, at 9:45 a.m. All departments will meet together in the sanctuary for a short time of singing and dedication, and then all will go to their various classrooms for an enrollment and get-acquainted session.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN  
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REV. EVERETT MOORE, Pastor

10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship. A communion Sunday service.  
10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.  
11:45—Sunday School.  
6:30—Loyal Workers.

7:30—Evening Service. Subject, "Song of the Shadows."  
Monday evening, Good Neighbors meeting.

Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., Women's Home and Foreign Missionary society meeting at the Vernon home.

Thursday, 7:45 p.m., prayer meeting.

Rev. Moore will conduct the devotional service each morning over WHAI during the week.

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sion. Parents will be welcome to accompany their children.

A supper meeting of church school teachers, associates, staff and religious education committee will be held on Monday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. Rev. Almeda Vickery, the national consultant on curriculum at the Congregational-Christian churches, is now in the East and has arranged to be with us at this meeting. We are fortunate for she is a person of wide experience and understanding of the opportunities before us. She will bring us both practical wisdom and inspiration. Mr. Reeves will conclude our evening together with a dedication service.

Meetings by departments are being held by teachers during the first week of September to arrange the use of rooms and materials. They return to the work of this fall with enthusiasm and some new ideas received at the three conferences for church school workers held during the summer at Framingham and on the Northfield campus.

Thirty-seven of our children attended the vacation school at the religious education conference in July. Plans are being made so that a larger number may be able to attend next year.

The Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People

Members and prospective members of the Pilgrim Fellowship will start their new year with a truck ride and picnic supper at the Mt. Grace reservation on Friday evening of this week. The truck will leave the church at six o'clock. Sunday evening at 6:30 there will be a meeting in the vestry for devotions and the presenting of plans for the new year. Officers and committees will be elected on Sunday evening, Sept. 15. The service of installation and holy communion is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 22. All young people of the eighth grade and high school age are cor-

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## Center School Pupils Maintain Perfect Attendance Record

Miss Dorothy Herrick, principal of the Center school, announced the names of students who were neither absent nor tardy during the first marking period. Other pupils have turned in certificates for dental work completed by their own dentist and awards have been made to several grades by the writing supervisor on her last visit. These pupils include:

Perfect attendance, kindergarten, Miss Smithers: Clifford Andrew, Dennis Arsenault, Stephen Chula, Bryant Deane, James Gonyer, Stephen Payne, Michael Randall, Clifford Taylor, Christopher Gancarz, David Livingstone, Douglas Rogers, Ralph Royce, Marie Bourbeau, Laura Stacy, Katherine Butynski, Ruth Dale, Norma Fisher, Elaine Krejmas, Margaret McDonald, Julie Sanderson, Lorel Stearns, Margaret Tillson; dental certificates, Stephen Payne, Valerie Mankowsky, Katherine Butynski.

Grade 1, Mrs. Bolton: perfect attendance, Daniel Arsenault, John Bartus, Bernard Hale, Robert Lippack, Joseph Mankowsky, David Quinn, Lawrence Randall, Dean Rockwell, Gary Stafford, Beverly Bistrick, Leatha Black, Mary Ellen Eastman, Carol Paine, Virginia Randall, Heather Remillard, Joanne Smolen; writing certificates, gold seal; dental certificates: Joseph Mankowsky, Joanne Smolen, Diane LaBelle, David Stone, Bernard Hale, Sally Scott, Virginia Randall.

Grade 1, Dorothea Thomas; perfect attendance, James Bartus, Lester Black, Carlton Browning, Timothy Derrig, James Donellan, Carl Fisher, Richard Holton, William Payne, Douglas Smith, Gary Smolen, Paul Wood, William Young, Carolyn Billings, Virginia Callaghan, Katherine Davis, Elizabeth Greene, Joann Huber, Janet Lippack, Susie Pinney, Martha Shearer; dental certificates, Diane Stone, Joann Huber, Sandra Holloway, Donna Holloway, William Young, George Randall; writing, gold seal.

Grade 2, Mrs. Haack: dental certificates, William Barnes, Carol Bolton, Edward Boliski, David Brasser, Cheryl Dunnell, Richard Schepp, Lorraine Tie, David Chula; penmanship, gold seal; perfect attendance: William Barnes, Dale Delane, Douglas Edson, Martin Livingstone, Robert Pinney, Richard Schepp, Jeffery Sliz, Joel Wheeler, Caryn Black, Carol Bolton, Cheryl Dunnell, Linda Fisher, Leslie Ann Gibson, Kathleen Huber, Constance Kazanowski, Charlotte Pfeil, Susan Schyrba, Kathryn Wood.

Pupils neither absent nor tardy, Grade 2, Mrs. North: Joan Bartus, Linda Curtis, Geraldine Fritz, Deborah Sliz, Fred Arsenault, Kit Clark, Jerald Clough, James Fisher, Francis Krejmas, Darrell Stratford, Michael Svetaka.

Dental Certificates: Christine Powers, Janet Stange, Caroline Stange, Joseph Carroll, Thomas Jones, Camilla Mayberry, Michael Hanrahan, Gregory Williams, Bruce Rogers, Deborah Sliz. Writing Award: Gold star.

Mrs. LaClaire, Grade 3. Perfect attendance, Sept.-Oct.: Paul Bolton, Susan Barber, Joel Fowler, Bonnie Carey, Gilbert Fuller, Mary Hatheway, Donald Hartwell, Charlotte Hemel, Arthur Knapp, Diane Livornoise, Frederick Pinney, Joanne Mann, David Rockwell, Marcella Poirier, James Smolen, Linda Randall, Jane Sanderson.

Dental Certificates: Michael Powers, Rebecca Miller, Mary Hatheway, Jane Sanderson, Paul Bolton, Betty Lou Jacobs, James Smolen. Penmanship; Gold Star.

Mrs. Stebbins, Grade 3. Perfect Attendance: Mark Clark, John Dale, Edmund Roes, Kelvin Young, Marlene Leach, Judith Powers, Rachel Black, Sandra Fuller, Kathleen Griffin, Linda Hartwell, Alice Lord, Rebecca True.

Gold seal in penmanship. Mrs. LaClaire's third grade took the spelling championship star last week.

Dental certificates since September: Sandra Fuller, Kelvin

Young, Linda White, John Dale, Melinde Hatheway.

Mrs. Kozlowski, Grade 4. Not absent nor tardy for the First Marking Period:

Richard Griffin, Frederick Guhse, Ralph Hall, Robert Livingstone, Henry Porter, Judith Bistrek, Virginia Brasser, Susan Hale, Cheryl Holton, Katherine Knapp, Deborah Mayberry, Susan McColester, Angela Randall, Kathleen Walbridge.

Dental certificates were received by:

Judith Mercer, Richard Griffin, Stephen Jones, Deborah Mayberry, Frederick Guhse, Richard Hanrahan, Angela Randall, Virginia Brasser.

Our room received a gold star for penmanship.

This month grade 4 finished two murals, one of a covered wagon and one of a stagecoach.

In science we made with paint, leaf and plant imprints.

Because interest was shown by the class in the satellite Sputnik, a brief study of the planets and outer space was begun. Each pupil wrote about what he had learned and painted outer space as he sees it in the future.

Mrs. Sheldon, Grade 4. Perfect attendance for first marking period:

Joseph Bartus, Daniel Browning, Sanford Edson, Thomas Forrest, William Mercer, James Schryba, Dennis Williams, Beverly Black, Kathleen Chula, Carolyn Gibson, Margaret Gonyer, Merrijeane Guhse, Nancy La Belle, Catherine Porter, Pauline Wood. Dental certificates: Nancy La Belle, Sanford Edson, Dennis Williams, Marilyn Clough, Merrijeane Guhse.

Writing—blue star.

Miss Skillings, Grade 5. Perfect attendance:

Dale Derrig, Keith Hall, Joseph Hensel, Delbert Ingram, Norman Phelps, Barry Webber, Alane Black, Victoria Gonyer, Joy Holloway, Susan Leonard, Kathleen Livingstone, Mary Anna Luciw, Linda Scott, Linda Wood, JoAnne Butler.

Dental certificate: Albert Stone. Penmanship—Gold star.

Mrs. Parker, Grade 5. Not absent nor tardy: Thadd Bistrek, William Forrest, Jr., Dennis Holloway, John Mroczek, Scot Sanderson, Angela Boliski, Margaret Chula, Mary Hawley, Linda Huber, Jeanne Shearer, Mary Tenney, Ethel Walker.

Dental certificates: Scot Sanderson, Angela Boliski, Mary Hawley, Dennis Holloway, Ronald Wickey, John Mroczek, Margaret Chula, Walter Wozniak. Writing—gold star.

Mrs. Gorzocski, Grade 6. Dental certificates: Ronald Lee, James Anderson, Dean Vinten, Virginia Beaman, Mary McCollum, Julia Barnes, Virginia Stacy, David Dale, Charles Payne.

Writing—blue star.

Perfect attendance: Jane Abbott, David Dale, Elizabeth Davis, Marcia Eastman, Jonathan Fowler, David Holton, Sandra Johnson, Howard Maynard, Teresa Mello, Charles Payne, Christopher Sheldon, Marie Sobieski, Judith Stafford, Ronald Tie, Raymond Waterman.

The sixth grade has started a *Timely Topics* bulletin board to which they add items daily, keeping themselves informed of current events.

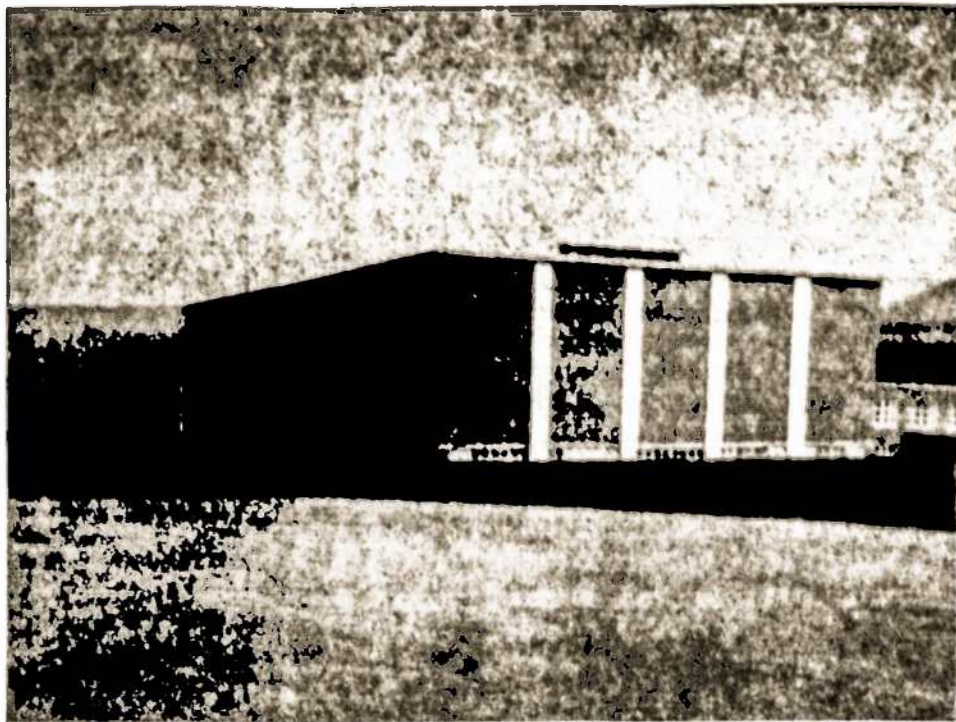
Many of the class members are ordering reading books through the new Arrow Book Club plans for intermediate grades.

James Anderson reported to the class on his recent trip to Virginia with the Glidden Antique Auto tour. While there, he saw Queen Elizabeth.

James Field reported on his trip the past weekend to Mattapoisett.

## One Year Old

THE NORTHFIELD PRESS, should anyone care to note, is, with this issue, just past its first birthday. When you trade, ask your merchant to use the Press for his advertising medium. We appreciate your courtesy—and he will appreciate the suggestion.



This photo of the new Mt. Hermon gymnasium, taken by David Burnham, is published through courtesy of The Hermonite.

## Civic Council Issues News Of People, Clubs and Schools

Ding Dong! George Leonard rings the bell! In the midst of ultra modern lighting and heating systems and brand new equipment, the Pioneer Valley regional high school used a hand operated bell the first few days. Mr. Leonard, the principal, had to ring it 14 times a day.

There are 25 organizations represented in the civic council and it seems as though all 25 opened up in the month of September. The very active Kiwanis club put on its first Kiddies day, which is a national annual event with that organization. Three hundred children marched in parade and 70 prizes were given on school athletic field for costumes, floats and competitions won. The DAR held a big party in the Chateau. An optimistic Garden club for its September meeting used the film, "Promise of Spring." The civic council held one of its most important forums Sept. 26 when all the selectmen and a wide variety of people came to discuss plans for relieving our traffic problems, especially on Main street. More than 300 signed a petition to the state commissioner of public works, who controls the installation of traffic lights and other safety devices.

**People:** The Robert St. Claims moved to Virginia where he will teach in William and Mary college. The Albert Andersons, in one of their old cars, helped Bath, Me., celebrate 350th anniversary of shipbuilding. Martha Parsons off to Aurora, Ill., college. Nancy Mann to her sophomore year at Simmons. Margie Dodd married Herman Schmidt in California. Vera Holton came on from Iowa to visit Joe. Mrs. George Hayes is working in office of Deerfield academy. Janet Dean has taken a job with John Hancock Insurance company in Boston. Rev. Paul Bubar was ordained with his father and brother participating in the service. The Ronald Walkers gave a surprise party for Jessica's 16th birthday. The Bud Woods family has moved into their new Birnam road home. Clifford Camp has gone to Boston for a year to study embalming. Deana will live with the Doug Jones family this year. Dan Sutherland observed his 81st birthday. Susan Hammond found a weather balloon near her home. It had been up 16 miles. Dave Birdsall has been called by Carroll Rikert, Jr., to be purchasing agent at Middlebury college. The Emory Rikerts vacationing at John's home in Tarrytown, N. Y. Donald Mitchell flew to San Antonio to visit his sister, Mrs. Donald Hutchinson. S-1 David A. Walbridge has shipped out for a three-month European cruise. Bill Compton has returned to his American home, Northfield, after teaching in Salonica where his father is president of Anatolio college. The Robert Schoulers gave a luncheon for town girls attending the N. S. for Girls. Farewell parties and gifts were given for the Slaters. Bridal shower for Ann Parker.

**Babies:** Sons to the Donald R. Whites, Robert E. Whitneys, Paul Rikerts. Girls to the Irwin Severances, Rodman C. Scheffers, Stanley Barfitts, Erwin Flewellings (Ellen Finch).

**Schools:** Mt. Hermon starting with an enrollment of 546; Northfield School for Girls with 531. Dr. Edmond S. Meany, Jr., acting head of the girls' school, has moved into principal's house. Housewarming for the John Trumbulls. The Callahans entertained 75 at a picnic of the Pioneer Valley school union. Many teachers at new regional high school living in homes of families in this and nearby towns.

**Mt. Hermon Gym:** A million dollar building that will be the envy of any prep school, and most colleges, will be the center of Mt. Hermon's athletic program beginning this fall. It features a basketball area 184 by 102 feet; a 75 by 42 foot swimming pool, wrestling room, 586 full length lockers all connected with the ventilating system, adequate accommodations for visiting teams with separate quarters for officials, and the latest training equipment. Rising from one side of the pool, which is large enough for official Olympic trials, is a gallery seating 400. Roll-away bleachers will accommodate 1100 spectators at basketball games. A tour of this marvelous addition to Mt. Hermon's equipment is an exciting experience which we hope you will all enjoy.

If trees could sing, the Massachusetts woodlands would be joining in the chorus of "How Dry I Am." In fact, they are so dry that Governor Furcolo is expected to issue an order shortly closing them to hunters and campers because of the danger of forest fires. They are already ablaze—with gorgeous fall coloring. Wish you could see it—and we could see you all soon.

## SERVICEMEN'S NEWS LETTER

If variety is the spice of life then August 1957 has been a mighty spicy month in this Franklin county neck of the woods. . . Those in search of *Bears* could find plenty, caged, on Route 2 outside Shelburne Falls, and those who sought only a mother and cub could find them on the hill behind the Temples' home in Colrain.

*Flowers*, 132 varieties on the Shelburne Bridge of Flowers now internationally famous. *Life* photographer came to take pictures of the Guilford barbecue, attended by 1500, when a 2600 lb. steer was featured on the menu. *Trip-lets*, the first set in 31 years in the Westfield hospital, born to the sister of Mrs. Norman Randal, with a total weight of 17 lbs. and 7 oz. And speaking of *babies* . . . sons to the Williamsons (Eleanor Fisher); Caleb Allens, Ellsworth Blacks, William Daltons, John H. Stevens. Daughters to the Hoyt Chapins, David A. Dwigths.

**People in Pictures:** Barry A. Stompe manning anti-aircraft gun of summer cruise of 1006 midshipmen from 52 colleges. Marion Janet Wilhelmson of Brooklyn engaged to John Rikert; to marry Nov. 9. Marion Andrews in wedding gown. Leonard C. Stebbins on team that won the Far East pistol matches in Tokyo. Ted Garland playing the Sage chapel chimes. Joan Sheppard winning five first prizes with

## Formal Presentation Of New Gymnasium Held at Mt. Hermon

The formal opening of the James Memorial gymnasium at Mount Hermon school was held Oct. 18. The presentation of the addition was made by John L. Grandin, Jr., chairman of the buildings committee of the board of trustees and was accepted by Dr. Howard L. Rubendall, headmaster of Mount Hermon and president of the Northfield schools. Other participants were Clayton Pruitt, Jr., of Maywood, N. J., president of the student council, and Rev. James R. Whyte, the Mount Hermon chaplain.

Built at a cost of over \$1,200,000 the brick addition adds much-needed space to the school's physical education equipment. The three major improvements are a swimming pool 75 feet by 42 feet wide with gallery space for 400; basketball and play area 184 feet long by 102 feet wide with roll-away bleachers capable of accommodating 1,100 and a locker room containing 586 full-length lockers.

The building was designed by Campbell and Aldrich, architects of Boston and constructed by Macmillin Co. of Keene.

In addition to students and members of Mount Hermon community, guests at the ceremony included a large group of alumni gathered on the campus for the annual fall homecoming day. Former students from the entire Northeastern section of the country gathered Saturday for events which included a chicken barbecue at Beveridge hall. They also attended the 2 p.m. football game when Mount Hermon met Phillips Andover academy.

her horse at 4-H Franklin County fair. Jackie Jewett's engagement picture. John F. Kervian retiring after 47 years of employment in tool-making. Leon Dummell in the historical museum playing the organ D. L. Moody gave to the Catholic church; Elsie Scott, president, with ancient gowns. Two papers carried handsome photos of the new Mt. Hermon gym wing showing the four massive panels of marble which give the impression of pillars in the vast brick west wall. The late Mrs. Edward Morgan, 90. T. A. Lawrence (formerly of Millers Falls) back to preach in Trinitarian Congregational church. Elaine C. Lanoue in bridal attire. And in a back-page spread of the Recorder Gazette, Esther Leonard with her two daughters, their new correspondent; George Leonard, head of the new regional school, and Supt. of this school union, F. Sumner Turner. Marjorie Baker in wedding gown. Ann Boyle, engaged to John Bassette.

**Romance:** Irene Gallant married to John Jurkowski; William Uglewicz to Mrs. Josephine Winisky; William (Turk) White to Marilyn R. Dimon; Elaine Lanoue married to William Tenney; Margie Dodd married in Cal. Henry Martineau married to Marjorie Baker.

**Organizations:** PeeWee baseballers (with help of Little League) gathered \$229.76 at outdoor theater this season for Jimmy Fund. Gancarz Junior Band to march and play Sept. 8 and 11. Civic Council sponsoring Village Fair August 31. At their table was an honor roll with all your names on it. Under the direction of Elaine Dick Williams the hotel employees put on a grand "Steve Allen Show."

**People:** The Albert Anderson trio in their 1913 Knox to two antique auto shows. Betty Moody Malbon and Mary Moody Packard flew to St. Croix, Virgin Islands, to visit their sister, Connie Dickerson. Maria Elizabeth Cook awarded the Lindsay Scholarship at Simmons college. Memorial look-out, 1000 feet up on Mt. Wachusett, established in memory of Mira B. Wilson. Dick Reeves family moving from Georgia to Hartford, Conn. Ann Livingston's family settled in Natick (H. A. Pearsons). The Aaron Barrows to Glen Falls, N. Y., to live. The Aaron Barnards to Long Island to live. The Dan Sutherlands to the Cat-

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## Pioneer Valley Regional School News

There have been many students absent from school this past week due to Asiatic flu. When we start for school each morning we wonder who the next victims will be.

Two teachers have been taken ill also. Mrs. Bolt, one of our English teachers, has been out of school for the past two weeks with pneumonia. Substitute teachers for Mrs. Bolt have been Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Coombs from Greenfield and Mrs. French from town.

Mrs. Sullivan, teacher of commercial subjects, English and social studies, has been absent since Tuesday with the gripe. Substituting for her have been Mrs. Kenworthy and Mrs. Campbell of Northfield.

Friday night, Nov. 1, a record hop with round and square dancing will be held at Pioneer Valley regional from 7:30 to 10:30.

The student advisory committee and Mr. Leonard, Mr. Emery and Mr. Trumbull are in charge of the affair. Only students of P.V.R. may attend. The admission will be 25¢ for each person. Refreshments will be served, including cup cakes made by the home economics department.

The guidance curriculum, correlated by Mr. Upham, is well under way. In the guidance course the various teachers have instituted the use of textbooks in the national forum series which cover the following topics: high school life, being teenagers, discovering myself, toward adult living and growing up.

The teachers who instruct this course are Mr. Upham, grades 11 and 12; Mrs. Yeager, 7 and 9; Mrs. Ruth Loung, grade 8; John Trumbull, grades 7 and 9; and Miss Evelyn Lawley, grades 9 and 10. Grades 7 and 8 meet twice weekly and grades 9 and 10 meet once a week. Grades 7 through 10 are in group guidance classes, whereas grades 11 and 12 have individual conferences so that each student can receive advice on his future education or employment.

Carol Wasser of Long Island, N. Y., is a new student of grade 7C. She is now living in Northfield.

Miss Lawley, Mr. Upham, Mr. Cook, Mr. Leonard and Mr. Overdoff have been working on the new report cards. The cards decided upon are similar to those used at Northfield high school last year and will be used experimentally at first and next year they may be changed. They will be issued four times during the school year; the first marking period ends Nov. 15.

Required of all juniors and seniors in our school is a course in speechmaking. Originally only two periods a week were devoted to this class but because some students could not attend at those times two additional classes have recently been scheduled and one of the first classes, which was held fourth period on Fridays, has been dropped. The additional speech classes are being conducted for the first time this week on Monday and Friday during activity period. Students taking speech will learn about doing radio broadcasts, informal speaking, group discussions, choral speaking and interpretation of literature. The pupils have been told by Mrs. Yeager, our speech teacher, that the chief purposes and aims of the course will be to enable students to develop self-confidence and a natural, effective way of talking in various speaking situations. Practical application of the course will come very soon when some students will take part in the "I Speak for Democracy" contest which is scheduled for Nov. 17.

National Education Week is going to be held Nov. 10-16. During that week all parents and friends are urged to attend school. The school extends the invitation to them to come and visit the beautiful new school and talk with teachers. Mr. Leonard has announced that there will be various projects displayed on the bulletin boards in classrooms. This concludes the school news through Wednesday, Oct. 30.

The senior class had its first class meeting with their advisor, Mr. Leonard. They discussed the annual Washington trip and its

expenses. Mr. Leonard advised the class that it would have to work hard to be able to make the trip because of increased costs.

During the meeting the following officers were elected: president, Harry White; vice president, David Streeter; secretary, Nancy Coates; treasurer, Charlotte Marcotte. Student council representatives were not elected because the constitution had not been ratified.

The junior class meeting was held under the supervision of Mrs. Ruth Young. At this meeting the juniors elected the following: president, Dorothy Given; vice president, Richard Leach; secretary, Peggy Streeter; treasurer, Lewis Starkey.

The sophomores held class elections on Tuesday, Oct. 22. The following officers were elected: president, Bill Pratt; vice president, David Gibson; secretary, Tevelin Poneck; treasurer, Don Proven. The advisors for this class are Brian Overdoff and Mrs. Mark Aldrich.

The freshman class held its first meeting Oct. 22, also, with Mr. Emery and Mr. Callahan as class advisors. The group elected the following officers: president, Bennet Nickolson; vice president, Joyce Raymond; secretary, Joyce Roberts; treasurer, Dianne Leach. Grade 8C, under the supervision of Mrs. Janet Young, held elections for home room officers. Those elected were: president, Leslie Thurber; vice president, Claire Walbridge; secretary, Joan Streeter; treasurer, Sandi Peterson.

An activity committee was also elected: Members of this committee are: Richard Walker, Ruth Wood, Kenney Miller, Lanny McLellan and Jerry Wilder.

The members of Glee club have had their voices tested this week by Miss Eccles, the music supervisor. This was done in order to divide the group into four parts according to the ability of their voices to sing soprano, alto, tenor or bass.

Five new IBM electric typewriters have arrived for use of the typing and office practice classes. Three new Underwoods and seven Royal typewriters are expected to arrive soon.

Nineteen members of the Book club met in room 36 Oct. 21 to discuss debates and school plays. Next week the club is planning to have two debates. Mrs. Young is planning to select several plays for the group to act out at future meetings.

Installation and testing of gas jets for the chemistry and physics laboratories has been completed.

The homemaking classes have started cooking lessons.

For the use of this course there are four different kitchens. Three of these rooms have been decorated in blue and white and the fourth in attractive shades of red and white.

Each room is supplied with a tea kettle, a new electric mixer, copper canister sets and plastic dishes.

The rooms have two new electric stoves and one gas stove. One of the wonderful features of the electric stove is the rotisserie in the oven on which to barbecue chicken and other meats.

In the future a refrigerator and a small freezer are to be included in homemaking equipment.

By Peggy Streeter

It is a very great pleasure for me to bring you news of the first three days of our school.

Monday morning found us all very anxious to get started and to satisfy a long anticipated desire to enter a new school with our many friends from the several towns. Many of us were afraid that we would get lost but, surprisingly, everything seemed to go quite smoothly, with only an occasional problem developing. Of course we were unable to use the entire facilities at first and find that we still have many treats ahead of us, such as the use of the special science, biology and chemistry rooms, the home-making rooms, the arts and crafts room, the shops, the gymnasium, the auditorium and the music room.

Our first day found us with an enrollment of 334 students with the eighth grade being the largest,

having 79 enrolled. We have many students who are new to our area and we are pleased to have the students from Leyden join us. We will let you know in succeeding weeks how many students are enrolled from the member towns.

You certainly must be interested in our reactions to the new school. The most typical remarks heard are: "I like school this year," "Boy, aren't these desks nice?" "I like my teacher, she's nice," and "I like all the glass, it's so light."

We find that everything is so new, including our program, that it will take us some time to get used to the many changes that have taken place. Perhaps the activity period is the part of the program that is the most confusing at the present time. We are to have many and varied activities, including glee club, band, other clubs, mechanical drawing, art and music appreciation. It is very difficult to determine just which ones will be most interesting. However, we find that the students are being most cooperative and are adapting themselves quite nicely to the situation and they know that as soon as all the special rooms are available, the activity period will develop into one of the better features of our new school.

The cafeteria has been operating since opening day and we find that better than 90% of the students are participating in this program. Our three cafeteria ladies are doing a very capable job and have been using some of the facilities of the Center school lunchroom in Northfield until the kitchen is entirely complete, which should be in another day or two. Our lunch period is 25 minutes long but we find that is ample time. It takes only ten minutes to feed each group. Mr. Turner is kept busy at lunchtime transporting food from Northfield in his panel truck.

The incomplete parts of the building are "out of bounds" for us students and all that we can do is gaze down the hallway and watch the workmen busily engaged in getting everything ready for us. We understand that some of these rooms will be ready next week.

As much as we students desire to get into all the rooms of the building there probably isn't one of us that will be happier to see them in use than our principal, Mr. Leonard. It is his nightly task to draw up a schedule of room locations for classes that will eventually be held in the incomplete section. Despite his efforts to keep things going smoothly, it causes us all to smile a bit when occasionally two classes show up for the same room. All in all, though, we find our high school has started out in high gear with every scheduled class being held for a full fifty minute period since the opening bell.

Speaking of bells brings to mind another typical remark heard in the hallways: "Where are the cows?" The cause of this remark is that our automatic bell system is not yet connected and Mr. Leonard has to walk through the hallways with an old-fashioned bell similar to the one used around cows' necks or rung to call in the cows from pasture. Incidentally, Mr. Leonard takes some good-natured ribbing from some of the workmen each time he starts down the ramp with the bell in his hand.

This seems to be the big news for our opening week. We certainly are happy to have the opportunity of entering a new building. We are appreciative of the fact that the towns in the regional district saw fit to build our school. We are proud of it, and feel that we have a school capable of developing our interests and abilities to a very high degree of success. May all of our students take advantage of this opportunity.

Mrs. Howard Briggs of East Northfield attended the four-day eastern regional meeting of Congregational Christian church leaders which began Oct. 21. Delegates attended from New England states, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The theme of the conference was "Unto Him Be Glory in the Church." (Ephesians 3: 21).

## Rudyard Kipling Home Is Open To Visitors In Northfield Area

As the pleasant fall days appear many may be planning trips to nearby places of interest. Mrs. Edgar Walker, a summer resident of Vernon, has recently called attention to "Naulakha," the former home of Rudyard Kipling just over the town line of Brattleboro in Dummerston, Vt.

Quoting from a letter she writes, "I visited this lovely and unusually built house when at the Northfield seminary over 30 years ago, but did not know until last week that it has been open to the public since 1950. It's been in the same family since left by Kipling. The admission price is sixty-five cents. Only four of the downstairs rooms are shown but they are the important ones: Kipling's study, with many things in it that were his. Mrs. Kipling's little den, the living room and the dining room. Every room contains items that were there when the Kiplings lived there, but of course the greatest amount is in the study. The story of the house was written by Howard C. Rice, Jr., editor of the Brattleboro Reformer for "Vermont Life" and a reprint is available at the house as are postcard views. I think this is the sort of place many visitors in the Northfield area would like to become acquainted with while here."

### Naulakha

Naulakha was planned and built by Rudyard Kipling in the years 1892-1893, shortly after his marriage to Caroline Balestier, a Brattleboro girl. He gave it the name of a priceless Indian jewel which had been the subject of a novel he had written in collaboration with Wolcott Balestier, Caroline's brother. In this house the Kiplings lived until, in 1896, they returned to England.

During this period in America two daughters were born and five of Kipling's better known books were written, the two *Jungle Books*, *Captains Courageous*, his novel of New England fishermen, a book of poems, *The Seven Seas*, and *The Day's Work*, a collection of short stories.

The house, including Kipling's study, remains very much as it was when the author lived in it. With its back against the hillside, it is a long house, "like a boat on the flank of a distant wave," all of its rooms facing toward the beautiful view across the Connecticut, where Mount Monadnock, "like a giant thumb-nail pointing heavenward," breaks the distant horizon.

Naulakha will be open weekdays from ten o'clock to five o'clock during the summer months. The Chamber of Commerce desk located in Hotel Brooks, Brattleboro, and the Tourist Information Booth will have complete information.

## Historical Note

The church building in which services will be conducted for the 86th year, at Main St. and Parker Ave., is the fourth in the First Parish history. Although worship services were held in Northfield as early as 1673, under a spreading oak at the south end of Main street, it was not until 1718 that the church was organized and a permanent minister settled. The meeting house was 45 feet long, 50 feet wide and 18 feet between the joints and, of all places, stood right in the middle of Main street.

Mrs. Eleanor Deane and Mrs. Lucille Seymour substituted for Mrs. Ruth Bolton and Mrs. Ruby North who were ill this past week.

There were five tables playing cards at the card party at the Grange hall Saturday evening. Prizes were awarded for ladies' high score to Mrs. Isabel Carter and for men's high score to Fred Erickson of Millers Falls. The door awards went to Elmer Merritt of Millers Falls and Mrs. Etta Cavanaugh and Mrs. Isabel Carter. Mrs. Fred Erickson of Millers Falls received a cake.

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## 20-40 Couples Club Enjoys Mystery Ride

The 20-40 Couples club members, numbering 45 went on a mystery ride last Monday evening. In the hay loaded truck of F. M. Dunnell, Jr., they enjoyed a trip to Winchester over Ashuelot mountain and thence to the WRLP television station on Gun mountain. After a visit at the studio they returned to the barn at the Gillespie farm on the Hinsdale road and were entertained with games, dancing and refreshments. In charge of the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. George Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Leavis and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holbrook, Jr. The next meeting will be a Christmas party on Dec. 9 with a potluck supper and square dance.

## Ernest Paul Edson

Ernest Paul Edson of Vernon died at the Hillcrest nursing home in Brattleboro Oct. 25 at the age of 76. He was born on Dec. 2, 1880 at Massawippi, Canada, the son of James and Olivia Hitchcock Edson.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Long Edson of Brattleboro, one son, James, of Greenfield; two daughters, Mrs. Olivia Lenhart of Summit, N. J., and Mrs. Ginnie Capen of Thompsonville, Conn.; one brother, Harold, of Drummondville, Canada, and four grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Monday, Oct. 28, at Kidder's funeral home with Rev. Joseph Reeves of the Trinitarian Congregational church officiating. Burial was in the Tyler cemetery at Vernon, Vt.

### THE COLLIE DOG

Soulful eyes and snow white throat.

Classic head and tawny coat, Dainty ear and brush and paw — Collie dog without a flaw.

Gallant air and sweeping gait, Chivalry's a collie's trait.

Loyalty lurks in true collie eyes, With spirit of fun, that never dies. A collie's life is at your feet, To hear your voice, a collie's treat.

He'll die before he'll leave your side, A collie dog's his master's pride.

—From Carlu Kennels.

There were 48 present at the meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the Trinitarian Congregational church Sunday evening. Jimmy Prescott led devotions. It was reported that \$38.50 had been received so far from workers on Saturday. There is more to be turned in. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blood showed colored slides taken on their trip to Europe last summer. At the meeting next Sunday evening Miss Virginia Powell MacDonald will speak about Saudi Arabia.—Shirley Kelly, Secretary.

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skills to visit their grandson, Dr. Edward Clark, eminent scientist. The Richard Whitneys of Providence visited his parents. Harold Hartwell and George Welsh to Wisconsin on business. Harry McDonald to the Conference on Tensions in the Middle East in Washington, D. C. William Walker and Edward Morgan to Fort Drum (National Guard). John Callahans moved into Frary house. John Trumbulls moved into Harold Williams former home. Ramona Chapin of the Ridge sails Sept. 5 for a year of study at U. of Geneva. Spent last winter working at U. N. John Greenwood bought a home in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. St. Clairs moved to Norfolk, Va., and Gordon Parkers to Nebraska. Donald Mitchell flew to San Antonio, Texas, to visit brother. The Dick Boltons on a visit from Denver.

School days, school days, dear (???) old golden rule days. . . . As eager as the students of the new Pioneer Valley regional high school were to move in. They did not mind the extra days (Sept. 16 opening) allowed for the finishing touches.



## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

The state DPW has installed eight "No Parking" signs on Main street.

Miss Martha Jane Bigelow who came home for the surprise party for her father last Saturday night, is secretary of the student-faculty at the Springfield Hospital School of Nursing.

Miss Gertrude Nelson of 236 Astor street, Boston, was a guest of Miss Helen Handy over the 19-20 of October. She comes to the missionary conferences every year.

Mrs. A. E. Davis is chairman of the coupon-collections for the Legion auxiliary, the income from which is used for the orphans scholarship fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pietz have moved to West Mountain road, Bernardston.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Breismaster and their two children started their motor trip to Seattle Friday last. From there they will fly to Fairbank and after a few days fly to their new home in Kodiak.

### Does This Apply to Northfield Drivers?

The New England Tel. and Tel. Co. received this appreciative description in a letter concerning their truck drivers: "On numerous occasions I have been extended the courtesy to proceed across an intersection first by your drivers. On foot I have received the same treatment. I have seen your trucks stop to allow old people and little children to cross a busy street."

Carlton L'Hommedieu has just returned from a visit to his sister in her home in East Norwalk, Conn.

Last weekend Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Alexander visited the year-around house they are building at East Harwich on Cape Cod, five miles from his summer work at Chatham Bar Inn where he is the tennis instructor.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rikert, Sr., have received word of the birth of a granddaughter, child of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Biddle of Durham, N. C. Mrs. Biddle was the former Camilla Rikert of Mt. Hermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bilmon and Ignac Bilmon attended a housewarming for Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zaluzny at Enfield. Mrs. Zaluzny is the former Esther Schyrba of Maple street, niece of Ignac Bilmon.

Elizabeth Ober of White Plains and Obers Lookout in Northfield has been elected "girl of the year."

Miss Mildred Orr, who has been staying at the Northfield hotel the past month, has closed her Pine street home in East Northfield and has returned to her home at 264 Lexington avenue, New York City.

A cable has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Moody: "Arrived safely, thrilling trip." The thrilling refers to Nigeria where they saw the natives in their games and dances. Northfield hopes to see these sights later when Mr. Moody shows his kodachromes of his second trip to South Africa to see his daughter.

Miss Helen Handy has gone to

New York for a two weeks vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Livingston will go this weekend to visit their daughter's family in Natick, where Mrs. Livingston will remain ten days.

E. James Livingston, Jr., is in Co. D. 1st battle group, 7th infantry, 3rd infantry division at Fort Benning, Ga.

Sgt. and Mrs. Julius Howe and their five children have arrived from Parris Island, S. C., and are staying with Miss Hazel Merrifield. When Sgt. Howe goes to Okinawa for two years, the family will remain here.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Flewelling went to Hauover, N. H., to visit their granddaughter, Linda Goodwin, who had a brain operation.

The American Legion auxiliary among its many activities will again this year collect Christmas gifts for the Christmas shop at Leeds Veterans' hospital in Northampton. 30,000 gifts are needed at the eight veterans hospitals which means several hundred are needed at Leeds.

Gifts may be left with Mrs. A. E. Davis, Mrs. Fred I. Bolton, Mrs. Pearl Allen and Mrs. Lura Stone.

William A. Hume, son of Mrs. Ellen C. Hume of 88 Main street, has completed his basic training at Bainbridge, Md. He is spending a 14-day leave at home and then will go to U. S. naval air station at Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Isabel Carter, master of Northfield Grange, and Mrs. Bernard Whitney have been in Springfield this week attending state Grange sessions.

Some of Henry Prescott's 20,000 pansy plants are bearing blossoms now, pansies which remind us of the enormous ones in Alaska.

The following is the schedule for the Kawinis club through November: Nov. 4, inter-club meeting at Athol; Nov. 11, round table report at the drug store between 6-7 p.m.; Nov. 18, bloodmobile program with speakers, Dr. A. B. True, George Billings, a 5-gallon donor, and Mrs. Genevieve Eames, Franklin county secretary ARC; Nov. 25, farm and city week observance with speaker John Mc-Masters of Boston. Regular meetings are held at the Valley Vista Inn in East Northfield.

Sunday at the Trinitarian Congregational church 40 men will take part in a commission service as they start out on the parish financial canvass. At 12:30 the Women's Guild will serve them lunch at the church.

Charles Peter Scanlon, who lived here for many years, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. David B. Hammond. After his father's death his mother moved to Florida and he went to live with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ryas, in Providence.

Harry Snow of Mt. Vernon faculty was elected master of Harmony Lodge of Masons Monday evening at Masonic hall.

### Students Aid Society Meets

Monday morning at the Faculty club of the Northfield School for Girls the officers and directors of the Students' Aid society of that



Mrs. Herman Schmidt, the former Miss Margaret Eleanor Dodd, who was recently married in San Francisco, Calif.

### Miss Margaret Dodd Northfield Graduate Is California Bride

Margaret Eleanor Dodd of 1880 Fell street, San Francisco, Cal., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wilson F. Dodd, resident physician at Union Theological seminary, 606 W. 122nd St., New York City, former residents of Northfield, and Herman Schmidt of 15 Belle Ave., San Anselmo, Cal., were married on Aug. 30 at the Swedenborgian church of San Francisco.

The bride is a graduate of the Northfield School for Girls and of Laselle Junior college of Boston and is employed at the American Association of Advertising Agencies.

The groom is a graduate of the University of California and is employed by the Columbia-Geneva Steel division of U. S. Steel.

school met for one of their two annual meetings. In the absence of Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, president, who is in South Africa, Mrs. Herbert F. Seeley presided. Present were Dr. Edmond S. Meany, head of the girls' school; George McEwan, treasurer of the school; Mrs. Seeley, treasurer of the society, and Miss Mabel Cooper, its secretary, and directors Mrs. O. Briggs, Mrs. Roger Greenwood, Mrs. John D. Latchis of Brattleboro and Mrs. E. M. Powell.

After an interesting financial resume by Mr. McEwan pertaining to the school and the society, he and Dr. Meany left and the regular business proceeded. Among many interesting reports were the following: five years ago the society made 63 loans to the amount of \$5,000. This year it is making 101 loans to the amount of \$9,000. The society is made up of friends of the school and the loans are revolving with no interest to pay and no time limit set as to when they should be returned in full or in part. Miss Cooper also reported that the food sale fund from the lawn party the first Saturday in October now amounted to \$120. Letters were read from participants in this revolving fund who were sending back their loan in installments so that some other girl might have the use of the money.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Black have moved to 634 Leyden road, Greenfield.

The November meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent society will meet Nov. 6 at the home of Mrs. Howard Williams.

### Legion and Auxiliary Hold Installation

Officers of the Haven H. Spencer American Legion post and auxiliary were installed at the town hall last week Wednesday evening.

Officers of the Legion installed were: Winthrop Spencer, commander; Edward M. Powell, Jr., vice commander; Alfred Morlock, adjutant; Fred Chapin, treasurer; Rev. Lester White, chaplain; William Urgielwicz, sergeant-at-arms.

They were installed by George Perrault, Granby, commander; Ralph Pease, Ashfield, second vice commander; Robert May, Bernardston, finance officer; Rev. John B. Hughes, Hadley, chaplain; William Petrin, Bernardston, assistant sergeant-at-arms, and Adolph St. Jacques, judge advocate.

Legion auxiliary officers are: Mrs. Lura Stone, president; Mrs. A. E. Davis, vice president; Mrs. Minnie Huber, junior vice president; Mrs. Fred Bolton, chaplain; Mrs. John Spindler, historian; Miss Esther Ladzinski, secretary; Mrs. Emory Rikert, treasurer; Mrs. Pearl Allen, sergeant-at-arms; Mrs. Edward M. Powell, Mrs. Cortland Finch and Mrs. Pearl Allen, executive committee.

Installing auxiliary officers were: Dist. Dir. Margaret May, Bernardston, president; Mrs. Lucille Pease, Ashfield, vice-director; Marion Young, Shelburne Falls, acting junior vice-director; Esther Emery, Granby, secretary-treasurer; Beatrice Richardson, Greenfield, chaplain; Ruth Wheeler, Shelburne Falls, historian; Ruth Petrin, Bernardston, assistant sergeant-at-arms; Helen Burnap, sergeant-at-arms.

### Friendly Group Sees Mexican Handwork

The Friendly Group of the Trinitarian Congregational church met last week at the beautiful home of Mrs. Norman C. Nims.

After a short business meeting Mrs. Nims showed many souvenirs and objects of art from Mexico including beautiful jewelry, woven materials, baskets and pottery and a few very lovely paintings which she had done there. She then told about her life in Mexico and showed colored slides. Most interesting were those of cottages and inns where she and her sister had lived. Refreshments of cider and doughnuts were served by Mrs. Pearl Allen, Miss Marjorie Lawrence and Miss Emily Carson.

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Wood is regularly assigned to Battery B of the 433d AAA missile battalion at Fort Lawton as a supply clerk.

A former student at Northfield high school, he entered the army in July 1956 and completed basic combat training at Fort Dix, N. J.

His wife, Barbara, lives in Renton, Wash.

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## Gun Safety School Awards Certificates

Three girls and twenty-eight boys were awarded gun competency certificates at the final session of the gun safety school held at the Northfield fire station Oct. 24.

The instructors were Arthur Prentice of Greenfield and Thomas J. McShane, state conservation officer. They were issued a book from the Winchester Arms Co., "The Gun that Won the West," "The Ten Gun Commandments of Safety," "What Every Parent Should Know When a Boy or Girl Wants a Gun" and a gun competency certificate which entitles them to hunt alone under state law, (with a license, of course).

The Northfield Fish and Game association, the sponsoring organization, presented each graduate with a safe hunter badge and an N.R.A. hunter's safety handbook.

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Montague Center: David B. Arial, S. Main street.

Bernardston: Dean J. Bassett, Brattleboro road; Wayne P. Chapin, R.F.D.

Greenfield: Donald Wilkinson, 83 Montague City road; Jan R. Dommel, 8 Pond street; Stuart W. Brown, 132 Green River road; Wayne Fisher, Jr., Leyden road; Andrew P. Seremeth, Jr., French King highway.

Winchester, N. H.: Ernest Rodgers, Jr., Ashoulet road.

## Regional School Committee Discusses School Equipment and Use of Building

At the most recent meeting of the Pioneer Valley regional school district committee Fred Eastman, clerk of the works, stated that three or four weeks would see the completion of the construction work at the building, which date will be about Nov. 15.

The committee voted to purchase two gas stoves, one stove for the teachers' room, together with a refrigerator at a cost of \$286.10, and a two oven stove with a rotisserie unit for the home economics department.

The committee authorized the purchase of basketball uniforms from games profits and they will be black and white, the school colors. Old uniforms of both the Northfield high school and Powers Institute will be used by junior teams.

The use of the building by outside groups was considered at length and will be again discussed at this week's meeting. A liberal use of the building was recommended by Superintendent F. Sumner Turner, but the committee agreed that it could not be used for any purely commercial enterprises.

There was a further discussion of the landscaping project and more consideration will be taken concerning the bid specifications.

An important item on the committee's agenda for this coming month will be the compilation of the school budget for 1958. Public hearings on this budget must be held in each member town before Nov. 15 under the law.

The dates of these hearings will be: Bernardston, Nov. 12; Northfield, Nov. 13; Warwick, Nov. 14.

Also established was a late bus schedule, designed for students staying beyond the normal closing hour. These buses will leave between 4 and 4:15. No pupil will be allowed to ride on these buses unless he has a special pass. The late Northfield bus will make a circuit through the town wherever necessary.

## Congregational Church Bulletin

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dially invited to be present and participate in the Pilgrim Fellowship program.

### The Brotherhood

The recently chosen officers of the Brotherhood have had several meetings during the summer. The officers are: Gilbert Stacy, president; George Payne, vice president; Gordon Leais, secretary, and Alfred Morlock, treasurer. These men have been busy planning a program for the year. The usual night of meeting is the second Wednesday of the month. Because of the Franklin County Fair and other local meetings, it has been deemed wise to hold the September meeting on the third Wednesday, Sept. 18. Hubert Eastman and his committee will serve the supper at 6:30. Our speaker will be Wallace Green, manager of the new television station near us, WRLP, channel 32.

### The 20-40 Couples' Club

This our youngest organization is becoming a very active one. Members often help with the care of pre-school age children during our worship service. Several of the women of this group assisted at the used clothing sale last June.

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### The Women's Guild

This very strong and active organization of our church will hold its first fall meeting on Thursday evening, Sept. 26. One of the outstanding Congregational women of Massachusetts will be the speaker, Mrs. Adolph G. Ekdahl. The Friendly service sewing meetings will begin in October. This organization is fortunate in having Mrs. George Carr serve a second year as president. All women of the parish are considered to be members of the Guild and are urged to become participants in its program.

Sorry to Lose Two Good Church Families

Our blessings and good wishes god with the Rev. Gordon Parker

family as they move to Nebraska, where he is to teach in a college, and the Bob Hafner family as they move to Florida, where Bob will engage in business.

Early October Events of Special Importance to Us:

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## Special Town Meeting To Discuss '58 School Cost

The Pioneer Valley regional school committee is busy working on the budget for 1958 which is to be presented at special town meetings in Bernardston, Northfield and Warwick on Nov. 12, 13 and 14, respectively, and the major part of the last meeting was devoted to its preparation. To clarify the salary of substitute teachers, a pay scale has been adopted which places a substitute teacher's salary as \$11 per day unless the substitute is employed four weeks or more. Then the salary would be \$18.89 per day, figured from the minimum bachelor's degree teacher's salary for 180 days. No contracts are given substitute teachers.

## Kiwanis Lists Nov. Programs

On Monday evening the Kiwanis club members numbering 18 attended the inter-club meeting in Athol.

Next Monday, Nov. 11, being a holiday there will be a round table report at the Northfield Pharmacy between 6 and 7 p.m.

On Nov. 18 a bloodmobile program is planned, the speakers to be Dr. Ansel B. True, George Billings, a five gallon donor, and Mrs. Genevieve Eames, Franklin county secretary of the American Red Cross.

There will be a Farm and City week observance on Nov. 25 when John McMasters of the Massachusetts Farm Bureau association will speak.

## Fortnightly Enjoys Talk on Old China

The Fortnightly met yesterday afternoon at the Alexander Hall opening with a 2 o'clock coffee hour which seems to be very popular with the group. The hostesses were Mrs. George Carr, Mrs. Roy Barrows, Mrs. Watson Black and Miss Mabel Shields, with Mrs. George B. Granger and Mrs. Roger Greenwood pouring. Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, president, presided at the meeting. Miss Bernice Wheeler gave the invocation.

The Fortnightly Quartette with Mrs. Joseph Reeves, Mrs. George Leonard, Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Mrs. Milford Atwood sang a group of songs of the 1920 period and they wore dresses of that period. Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed accompanied them at the piano.

Miss Fanny Stockbridge of the program committee introduced the afternoon speaker, Miss Catherine Elizabeth Bassett of Belchertown. Miss Bassett told the story of the origin of china and its use and development up to the present. She is an antique dealer and expert in china and glass and has spent her life in its study. She brought with her a beautiful collection of china, including the oldest Canton ware, blue ware, Spode, Liverpool, luster and many other very old and interesting pieces. This was Miss Bassett's second lecture at the Fortnightly and everyone was intrigued with her manner of presentation and the fine display.

Mrs. Walter Bailey was door hostess for the afternoon.

Mrs. Spencer announced that the speaker at the next meeting on Nov. 15 will be Representative Philip F. Whitmore and his subject, "You and Your State Government." At this meeting also Miss Nancy Oakman, representative last summer to Girl State, will tell of her stay there. The coffee hour will be at 2 o'clock on that date also.

## Fly The U. S. Flag For Veterans Day

Monday is Veterans' day—and is a day when the United States flag should be flying wherever possible. Here in Northfield the Daughters of the American Revolution have since their organization three years ago urged that the flag be displayed on all patriotic holidays, on public buildings and whenever suitable, and there has been a fine response. Be sure your flag is flying on Monday—Veterans' day.

## C. Field, F. Avery Enlist in U. S. Navy

Northfield has two more young men in the service. Charles F. Field, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace F. Field of 66 Main street, and Fred A. Avery, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Avery of 75 Main street, enlisted in the navy last week.

Both graduated from the Northfield high school last June.

They enlisted under the high school electronics field which guarantees them a specialized school in electronics after completion of boot training and the buddy program which keeps them together during training.

They are now at the Great Lakes, Illinois, training station for nine weeks recruit training.

## Mrs. George Exhibits Handwork in New York

Mrs. Constantine George plans to be in New York City this week, Wednesday to Saturday, attending the 34th annual Women's International Exposition, sponsored by the Women's National Institute, Inc.

She is exhibiting handwork in six divisions: crochet, knitting, hooked rug, weaving, needlework, and in the miscellaneous division, tray painting and silk screen printing. She will also demonstrate her new craft technique. She is a member of the International Federation of Hand Arts.

An article concerning the work of Mrs. George was published in an early October issue of the Christian Science Monitor.

## Surprise Party Marks Silver Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Hurlburt of Millers Falls were guests of honor at a surprise party given by Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Fisk of Winchester road in celebration of the Hurlburt's 25th wedding anniversary. They were presented a gift of money, flowers and an anniversary cake. About 70 friends and relatives were present from Bridgewater, Greenfield, Millers Falls and Northfield.

## PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

At the meeting of the Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday evening Susan Hammond led devotions with 35 members present. On Friday evening of this week this group is sponsoring a public dance at the town hall. There will be round and square dancing with Ted Cromack and his orchestra furnishing music from 8 to 12 o'clock. Mrs. Virginia Powell MacDonald spoke to the group on "Life in Arabia Today."

Next Sunday the group will attend the Franklin county rally at the First Congregational church in Greenfield. Cars will leave the church here at 3 p.m. and are expected to return about 8 o'clock. Shirley Kelley, Secretary

## Fire Truck Leads Halloween Parade

A small but most enthusiastic group of young people enjoyed the Halloween parade held Thursday evening of last week under the sponsorship of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The parade went to the Center school led by the Northfield fire truck and on their return the prizes were awarded at the town hall. The first prize went to Carolyn Stange, Michael Sojka and Billie Barnes who were dressed as three small skunks; the second award to Bill Mercer and Bill Person who made up a giraffe; the third award was given to Jimmie Field and special awards to Judy Mercer, Joanne Mann, Forrest Carey, Christopher and Andrea Gancarz and Shawn and Margaret Tilson.

Before the parade beginning at dark the street had been filled with youngsters clad in all sorts of queer garments and with faces not proper for any human, ringing door bells with the familiar words, "Trick or Treat." Some of them must have made quite a collection as they appeared to be making a call at every house in a most business like way. Householders reported from 30 to 50 calling at their doors and many had prepared bags of goodies to be given each child.

So far as has been reported there was very little mischief in town and the holiday passed very satisfactorily.

## Watercolors Displayed At Talcott Library

An exhibition of full sheet watercolors owned by the Ford Motor company will be on display in the art room of Talcott library at Northfield School for Girls for the next two weeks. This exhibition contains twenty-seven examples of the varied and successful uses of the medium—all in large scale. These paintings have been chosen from a collection of over four thousand watercolors assembled over the past several years for publication in the Ford Times and other Ford Motor Company publications. Among the better known artists represented are Benjamin Eisenstat, Peter Hurd and James Lewicki. The public will be welcome during the usual library hours.

## State Federation Of Women's Clubs Holds Workshop

There were 90 attending the fall workshop meeting of the Mass. State Federation of Women's clubs at the town hall on Wednesday of last week.

The panel discussion of community projects and ways to finance them by members from visiting clubs proved most interesting.

Coffee and rolls were served to early comers from 9:30 to 10 o'clock in charge of Mrs. Roger Greenwood and Mrs. Ralph Sargent from a table with a red and white tablecloth and antique accessories. The lunch, dessert and coffee were served in charge of Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., and Mrs. Dana Leavis. Mrs. David M. Small, past president of the State Federation, was the afternoon speaker and she spoke enthusiastically on "Preparing Ourselves for the Golden Years, a Community Project."

Music was furnished by the Fortnightly quartette who wore costumes of the 1920s and sang songs of that period. The singers were Mrs. Joseph Reeves, Mrs. Milford Atwood, Mrs. Joseph Morgan and Mrs. George Leonard who directed the group. Mrs. L. Percy Goodspeed was the Golden Years, a Community Project."

## Civic Council Discusses DPW Petition and Training Hearing



Miss Jessie Ann Mroczek, whose engagement to Frank S. Turner was recently announced.

## Miss Jessie Mroczek Engaged to F. Turner

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Mroczek of Maple street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jessie Ann, to Frank S. Turner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Sumner Turner.

Miss Mroczek graduated from the Northfield high school and is employed as a secretary at the Franklin county public hospital.

Frank Turner is a graduate of Northfield high school, served two years in the army and is presently employed by Stanley Johnson's fuel oil and plumbing business.

No date has been set for the wedding.

## Fortnightly To Hear Philip F. Whitmore

Fortnightly will meet on Friday afternoon, Nov. 15, when Philip F. Whitmore of Sunderland will speak on "You and Your State Government." Rep. Whitmore is serving his fourth term as representative from this district 1. He is also a long time trustee of the University of Massachusetts. Miss Nancy Oakman, last year's representative to Girls' State at Bridgewater, will tell of her experiences there. The coffee hour will be from 2 to 3 o'clock.

The meeting scheduled for Dec. 6 will be an evening Guest Night at the Northfield hotel. Miss Eunice Harriet Avery will give a "News Analysis."

## Guiding Star Grange To Sponsor Supper

The Home and Community service committee of the Guiding Star Grange of Greenfield will sponsor a supper and progressive whist party on Saturday evening, Nov. 9, at their Grange hall. The supper is at 6:30 and the menu includes home baked beans, mashed potato, ham loaf, cabbage-pineapple salad, relishes, quick breads, apple pie and coffee. The whist party will begin at 8 o'clock and there will be prizes and refreshments served later in the evening. The proceeds from the evening will be added to a fund for a new roof.

## Blood Donors Needed By Red Cross Nov. 22

A Red Cross blood bank will be held here in Northfield at the Trinitarian Congregational church on Friday, Nov. 22. There is a great need of blood and a successful visit is hoped for. Members of the Northfield Grange are assisting.

The Civic Council met Wednesday evening with a small attendance but a most interesting discussion was held.

Edward M. Powell reported on the results of the petition signed by 325 citizens and sent to the department of public works concerning safety devices on our Main street. Having had no reply to letters he went into the Boston office on Oct. 25 where he was most courteously received and was given a copy of a letter which acknowledged the receipt of the petition and stated the various moves being made in Northfield.

Mrs. Herbert J. Baker is the new secretary-treasurer of the council and changes in addresses or requests for the Newsletter should be sent to her.

The public hearing for the budget of the Pioneer Valley regional school will be held Nov. 13.

There was a lengthy discussion of the train situation and Edward Hurley, president of the council, will contact representatives from this area to find out what this group can do to express their desire that the proposed public hearing concerning the removal of trains be held in Greenfield.

Plans were made for the following meetings: Dec. 4, a representative of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company will be requested as speaker.

January 29—The town auditor and assessors will be asked to explain their work and give information.

February 26—The town warrant forum—the articles of the town warrant will be studied and discussed. The annual town meeting will come on March 3 and 4.

It was reported that the Garden club will again this year light the Christmas tree on the Center school grounds. It was suggested that one of the patriotic organizations place a Christmas wreath on the war memorial there.

The council will send Christmas cards to all the local men and women in the service and the suggestion was made that each church remember those who are from their church.

## Termites Discussed At Men's Club Meet

The Men's club of the Unitarian church enjoyed a spaghetti and meat balls supper prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Knapp at the church dining room on Tuesday evening. Following the supper Corv' Heslton spoke of his work in the exterminating field and showed pictures of the termite and the devastation work it does. He explained the way the small insect works, how to detect it on your property and the methods used by his company, the Abalone Exterminating Co. of Massachusetts, Inc., in exterminating it.

## Harmony Lodge Elects Officers

At the October meeting of Harmony Lodge, A. F. & A. M., the annual election of officers was held which resulted as follows: master, Harry W. Snow; senior warden, Donald G. McCollister; junior warden, Herbert H. Maynard; treasurer, Ralph M. Forsaith; secretary, Robert P. Barnes; trustee for three years, Hubert J. Eastman; auditing committee, Edgar J. Livingston, Merritt C. Skilton, Grove W. Deming; proxy to Grand Lodge, Ralph M. Forsaith; associate member of Masonic relief, Richard G. Holton; trustee for large funds for two years, Fred I. Bolton. Installation of these officers will be held this month.



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## CHURCH NOTES

**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Rev. JOSEPH W. REEVES, Minister  
Mrs. F. H. MOSSE, Director of Christian Education

IRVING J. LAWRENCE, Choir Director  
Mrs. BELLE C. MARDEN, Organist  
9:45 a.m., church school.

11 a.m., public worship. Sermon subject, "The Understanding Heart." Pre-school age children attended by students from the Northfield School for Girls. Beginning with the second hymn, children of grades 1, 2 and 3 will be supervised by Mrs. William Andrew and Northfield School for Girl students.

3 p.m., members of the Pilgrim Fellowship will leave the church to attend the fall rally at the First Congregational church in Greenfield. Registration, 25¢; supper, 75¢. The group will return to Northfield about 8 o'clock.

7:30 p.m., choir rehearsal in the vestry.

"Parcels for Peace," a box for used clothing, has been placed in the north vestibule.

Ladies' Night at the Brotherhood will be celebrated on Tuesday. Watson Black and his committee of men will serve a roast beef dinner. Entertainment by barbershop quartets from New Hampshire and Vermont through the courtesy of Ray Thompson.

The Friendly Service group of the Women's Guild will hold an all day sewing meeting on Thursday. Lunch at 12:30, coffee served.

Architect Arland A. Dirlam will meet with the new church survey committee on Friday at 7.

The Young People of the Pilgrim Fellowship will hold a food sale Saturday at the office of Roy J. Fish, starting at 10:30 a.m. Your gift of food and patronage will be appreciated.

## NORTHFIELD UNITARIAN CHURCH

Mrs. L. P. GOODSPEED, Organist and Choir Director  
RAY A. KNAPP, Church School Superintendent

Sunday, 9:45, worship service. Guest speaker, Rev. Robert Sandercock, chaplain at the Northfield School for Girls.

Church school, 9:45 a.m., for children of all ages.

The Youth Group meets at 7 p.m.

The Afternoon Alliance will meet at the church parlor on Thursday afternoon at 2:30. Following the business meeting Miss Winifred Curtis of Greenfield will show and speak about her collection of crosses.

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the church.

## ADVENT CHRISTIAN SOUTH VERNON

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10:30 a.m.—Junior Worship.  
11:45—Sunday School.  
6:30—Loyal Workers.

7:30—Evening service. Mrs. Everett Moore, speaker.

Monday evening, supper at 6:30 for State Line Fellowship, followed by a talk on Current Events by Mrs. Horce H. Morse of East Northfield.

Thursday, 7:45 p.m., prayer meeting.

Friday evening, annual fellowship supper and thanksgiving service and the ingathering of the talent dollar program.

## ST. PATRICK'S Catholic

Rev. HENRY McKEON, Pastor  
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9:45, Sunday school.

10:30, Sunday morning mass. St. Patrick's Guild will meet on Wednesday evening, Nov. 13, at the church hall for the monthly meeting.

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10 a.m.—Sunday school, Mrs. William Messer, superintendent.  
11 a.m.—Morning worship with sermon.

Nursery and junior church at same hour.

6:30 p.m.—Young People.  
7, pre-evening service prayer.  
7:30, evening evangelistic hour.  
Tuesday, 7 p.m., Bible study.  
Thursday evening, "Hour of Power" at 7:30.

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On Saturday afternoon the young people's basketball team will play the basketball team of the Moores Corner church.

Sunday:  
11 a.m., morning worship.  
12 m., Sunday school.  
6:15 p.m., Young Peoples.  
7:30, Evening service.

Monday, 7:30 p.m., cottage prayer meeting.

Friday, 3:30, Sing. and Bring club.

Friday, 7:30 p.m., prayer and Bible study.

Saturday, 10:05-10:30 a.m., Sing and Bring club on WHAI.

Doing things by halves is worthless because it may be the other half that counts.

## Dickinson Library Notes

Mrs. Florence Phelps, Librarian

Miss Gertrude Field of this town has presented several objects of historical value to the library which have been placed in the glass enclosed display cases on the second floor.

Among the collection are the following items: several Indian arrowheads, examples of beautiful eyelet embroidery, with stiletto she used in making it, made by Miss Field's grandmother; a most unusual toy, highly prized as a child by her mother, is a mother duck and her two ducklings, whose wings are made to lift and lower by means of a small bellows. Also a canteen carried by Alfred Pierce, a Northfield soldier, during the Civil War. With this may be seen an old fashioned daguerreotype of his wife, which he carried all through his service.

If anyone should come across the following book I would appreciate it if they would return it to the library. New to us in January, it was lost in June, when the borrower gave it to another student to return to the library. It is called "New Era of Flight," by Zarem & Maltby.

Monday, Nov. 11, we celebrate Veterans' Day. "It is a legal holiday in all states (except Oklahoma, where the closing of banks

and offices is optional, and Virginia), District of Columbia, Canal Zone (not by banks), Guam, Porto Rico and Virgin Islands." The above is taken from the World Almanac.

Formerly called "Armistice Day" in commemoration of the cessation of hostilities in World War I at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918. It is now known as "Veterans' Day." It is known as "Remembrance Day" in Canada.

National observances of this day are still held at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in Arlington, symbol of World War I, beginning with two minutes of silence and taps. In England, the unknown soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey; in France, beneath the Arc de Triomphe.

Observance of the day is under the auspices of the American Legion, "which has built a fitting tribute around two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. on that day."

Although the day is usually observed by the closing of stores, post-offices and most business places, communities as a rule do not have formal ceremonies now.

Because Monday, which is the 11th, is not a library day there will be no change in our program, except to display the flag on that day. All flags should be displayed on legal holidays.

## Through a Kitchen Window

Shamrocks in November! Quantities of shamrock growing in the foliage pond on the University of Massachusetts campus — water-shamrock, that is! Indeed, these plants that look more like four leaf clovers than shamrocks can be found there all year round. Frost may kill the leaves on the water's surface, but the roots stay snug and safe in the mud under layers of ice during the winter, resting and waiting till the sun warms the water the following spring. Then once again these interesting plants will contribute to the beauty of the shore line of the pond.

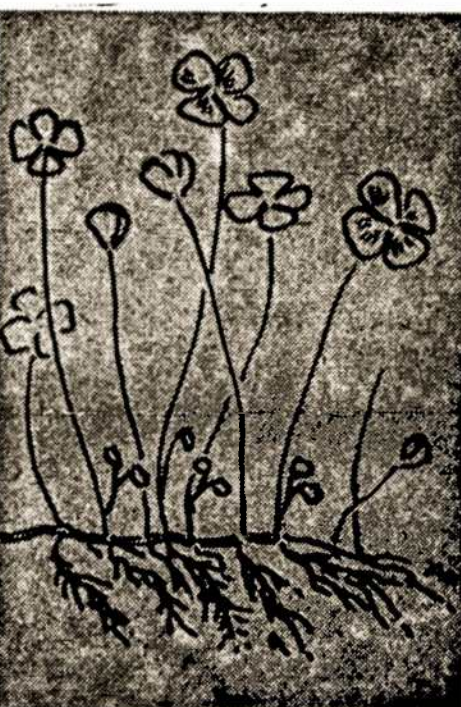
The surface of the water close to the bank was covered in an irregular pattern with a wealth of small green plants. I recognized the smaller, lighter green ones as duckweed, the floating plant that propagates so rapidly, covering large areas of water and serves as food for ducks, geese, beaver and muskrat. But the larger leaves, strikingly like four leaf clovers were strangers to me. I learned later it was called by the botanical name of *Marsilea*, and known variously as water-shamrock, water-clover, water-fern and water-clover-fern. While not actually a fern, it belongs to a closely related family.

Although years ago I had heard of *Marsilea*, I had never seen the plant so was both surprised and pleased to meet this water-clover face to face.

It is a delightful little perennial resembling a four-leaf clover or oxalis, with four-parted leaves, parallel veined and about an inch across, that float on the surface of the water. It grows in crowded colonies in quiet water and anchors itself by means of fine roots and slender rootstocks that branch and interweave, forming dense mats. At times it creeps over muddy banks forming a beautiful cover, but produces longer leaf stalks when the plant is submerged.

This curious, amphibious herb propagates not by seeds since it is non-flowering, but by means of spores contained in a fruiting body shaped like a small brown bean, which is called a sporocarp that grows on a short stalk near the base of the leaf stem close to the rootstock.

*Marsilea* thus has its own unique way of protecting its spore nursery, by keeping them in a hard shelled bean-box which is able to withstand dryness for



years, so that they come to life whenever conditions are favorable. To learn the water-clover's secret, I looked at one of these fruiting bodies microscopically. Lengthwise and crosswise partitions divide the inside and in these compartments are many large and small spores, each covered by a delicate, transparent spore case or sac. The larger spores are released when ripe to find their way to the mud bottom and there develop into a tiny leaf-like structure with wavy edges, shaped like a shield and called a prothallium. The smaller spores unit with the prothallium, and a little new plant of clover starts to grow. Ferns grow in much the same manner.

*Marsilea* came to America

## Home Decoration Course Offered by Extension Service

Do you have a decorating problem? To stretch your budget dollar into useful furniture to fit your family, plan to attend the leader-training meeting the Extension Service is offering on Tuesday, Nov. 12, in Shelburne "Home Decoration."

Falls at the Community rooms, 10:30 to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, in Greenfield at the YMCA, 10:30 to 3 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14, in Orange at the library 10:30 to 3 p.m.

At the meeting you will have the opportunity to plan a color scheme, plan furniture according to activities in the room and the size of the family.

After attending the meeting you will show and tell five other people what you learned.

Bring with you to the meeting a plate or small object which will be used in building a color scheme.

through Litchfield, Conn., in 1862 from Europe. Gray states that it is now found from New England to Iowa and Kentucky.

The water-clover has been used to anchor soil at margins of waterways. Ducks eat the fruiting bodies and it provides shade and shelter for some kinds of fish. It adds to the beauty of a shoreline because of the lovely foliage, although it may become a weed in some places. And it is frequently grown in garden pools where it floats gracefully. In Australia, one species is used by the aborigines for food, where it is made into a porridge and baked into bread.

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## Social and Personal News Notes of the Northfield Area

At the St. Patrick's Halloween party prizes were given for the couple longest married and shortest. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weeks of Bernardston won the former and Mr. and Mrs. George Butynski the latter.

Among the many activities of the American Legion auxiliary are the dances at Leeds hospital. The Thanksgiving dance will be Nov. 8 and cars will leave town at 7. Those wishing to help in this fine project will call Mrs. Lura Stone or Mrs. Pearl Allen, chairman of the veterans rehabilitation committee.

The Alexander Hall committee plans to have the hall redecorated during the Christmas vacation when school is out and the building is empty.

A large group of relatives and friends attended the birthday party for Mrs. Joyce Perkins.

John D. Baldwin, head of the English department at Mt. Hermon school, went to the Hill school at Pottstown, Pa., to attend the memorial service for Leonard ("Bill") Rice. A fine tribute was given by Charles Rice, head of the English department at Choate school, son-in-law of Mrs. P. D. Moody. Leonard Rice was head of the English department at The Hill for many years. Two other men at Mt. Hermon who were formerly at The Hill are Dr. Howard L. Rubendall and Dr. Edmond E. Meany.

After a mystery ride the 20-40 club held a Halloween party in the barn of Mr. and Mrs. James Gillespie at their home named Windgate.

When it seems as though Northfield was moving to Florida or California do not overlook Denver where the following are situated: John Addison and his wife, the former Emily Kirk; the Krist-Barnes couple; Johnnie Bassette and his bride, the Mr. and Mrs.

Dick Bolton and family and soon Caroline Lee Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smith, formerly of Mt. Hermon, will marry Robert S. Bader of Denver and go there to live.

In the last chapter of Catherine Marshall's newest book, "To Live Again," Northfield, Mt. Hermon and Kidder's furniture department, where she purchased a chair for her son's room at Hermon, appear. Elsewhere, in letters, Mrs. Marshall has expressed her gratitude for what Hermon meant to her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Rogers entertained 25 at a Halloween party.

Before Ken Gore's art lecture Friday night Mrs. Bertha Leach entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Stephen G. Maniatty and Mr. and Mrs. Gore.

Mrs. Eliza Symonds and her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Lazelle, have come to Valley Vista to spend the month of November while Mrs. Russell Durgin is with her son in Providence, R. I.

Northfield was again complimented for its "beautiful table" at the open house held by the Brattleboro Memorial hospital last Thursday. But the project here ran into several snags this year and our table was not at all representative. Had it not been for a case of juices from the Northfield hotel and from the Northfield schools, a large number of pumpkins and squash from the Cembalists, 25 jars of home-processed vegetables from M. C. Skilton and the gifts of eight individuals we would have had nothing to put on our table. Just before Food Donation day, the hospital sent out an appeal for money. That is one of many reasons why there were so few food donors. One organization, the Fortnightly, gave money on Food day as did three other people.

The annual turkey dinner will be held at the Trinitarian Congregational church next Thursday evening.

Under the "Parcels for Peace" plan the Women's Guild is collecting clothes for Hungarian and German refugees escaping from the Communists.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Carpenter have closed their home on Davis Mt. and returned to their winter home in New Jersey.

The Northfield Press has received its first book for review; the first since the resurrection of the newspaper. Mrs. Helen Peck Moore, who has a summer home in the Highlands, has written a biography of her father, called "William Jay Peck, a Shepherd's Heart." The book may be procured from her, Mrs. Robert M. Moore, 307 Pleasant Valley avenue, Moorestown, N. J.

Among the many local women who have been pressed into service during the flu epidemic in the girls' school are Mrs. George Carr, Mrs. Hugh Eastman, Mrs. C. W. Keever, Mrs. Douglas Jones.

The Civic Council which meets at the town hall tonight feels very grateful to Mrs. Martha N. Baker who has offered her services as secretary. She lives in an apartment in Mrs. Shirley H. Kehl's house on Parker avenue. Her son, Howard P. Baker, is on the Mt. Hermon faculty.

One month from today Mrs. Eliza E. Symonds will celebrate her 96th birthday. She is staying at the Valley Vista Inn.

Letter from Brattleboro Hospital Food Day Committee

Mrs. F. Gordon Boyce, chairman of the Brattleboro hospital food donation day project, sends the following message to Northfield: "May I take this opportunity to thank you for all you did to make our 'Donation day' so successful.

... Your display was a delight to see. How many compliments I heard about your splendid collection. The postmaster (Skilton) should be especially congratulated for his donation. The Northfield schools were also most generous. I enclose an article from our paper ..."

The article states that about 20 communities, such as ours, took part in the gifts. Between 4-6 p. m. an inventory was taken and it was learned that the foodstuffs and other gifts amounted to \$1,411.10 in value. The Women's auxiliary, the sponsors, and Mrs. Ruth A. Fisher, assistant dietitian, were delighted with the results. Northfield stood eleventh out of 17 towns appraised with our donation with \$34.20.

Mr. and Mrs. David Reynolds are living at Robinson court, Pittsburgh, 23, Penn. Mr. Reynolds, who taught at the Northfield School for Girls last semester, is working for his doctor's degree in clinical psychology at the University of Pittsburgh. His wife, the former Joan Morrow of Mt. Hermon, is secretary at the hospital at the Western Psychiatric Clinic which is connected with the University of Pittsburgh.

William Morrow reports an excellent season at the Musical Tent in Hyannis where he and Mrs. Morrow worked this summer, and that Richard Aldrich had returned from Spain and was at his Cape Cod home. Mr. Aldrich for some time has tried to buy a home here in East Northfield.

Supt. F. Sumner Turner addressed the Worcester County Teachers' association.

Miss Charlene Chamberlain has been recuperating from an illness contacted while working at the Boston Floating hospital where she is affiliated in pediatrics. She has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gragen and their five children have moved from Brattleboro into the former Arthur Bolton house in West Northfield. Mr. Gragen is assistant manager of the First National store in Brattleboro.

James Allen will go to Zephyrhills and Tampa, Fla., for the winter.

Mrs. Corys Heselton has returned from visiting her mother in Quincy.

The theme of a conference by the parents and church school staff this week at the Congregational church was "Making Christmas Christian."

Pvt. Richard E. Wood of the Farms took part in the special NIKE guided missile firing exercise with the 26th antiaircraft artillery group at Red Canyon firing range in New Mexico.

Under the heading "Northfield 50 Years Ago," we find these words, "It may be fun for automobile tourists to go racing through the air with the speed of an express train but sometimes unpleasant things happen ... a red streak showed the presence of a 'buzz wagon' ... Fifty years ago cars were allowed to go nine miles an hour on our main street and 12 an hour on side streets.

### BOY SCOUT NEWS

The following Boy Scouts spent the weekend at their camp in Winchester under the leadership of Gilbert Stacy: James Neigh, James Anderson, David and Peter Sargent, Charles Payne, Harry Gonyer, Dana Caldwell and Keith Hall. The boys working on second class scout requirements passed compass and map reading tests, laid out a four acre plot of land and practiced first aid and field signals. They enjoyed the weekend in spite of the wet weather.

### BIRTHS

A daughter was born on Friday, Nov. 1, at the Franklin county public hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Camp, now of 263 Conway St., Greenfield, granddaughter of Mrs. William Figgins of Millbury and E. E. Camp of Morrisville, Vt. The Camps were residents of Northfield until a few months ago.

A son was born on Nov. 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. McLellan of Greenfield at the Franklin county hospital. The baby is a great-grandson of Mrs. Margaret Croteau of Northfield.

A daughter, Jody Ellen, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Morgan of 21 Spring terrace, Greenfield, on Nov. 2 at the Franklin county public hospital. The baby is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Avery of Greenfield, Miles E. Morgan and Mrs. Winifred Morgan of Northfield; a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Mabel Avery and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lucier, all of Greenfield, and Mrs. Annie Irish of Northfield.

The husband was curious. "Why do you weep and sniffle at a movie over the imaginary woes of people you never met?"

The wife replied, "The same reason why you scream and yell when a man you don't know slides into second base."

"Look here, fellow," said the cop to the man walking down the street in a barrel, "what's the idea? Are you a poker player?" "No," was the sad reply, "I just thought I was."

Cowboy: "It's great speeding along like this. Don't you feel glad you're alive?" Passenger: "Glad isn't the word, I'm amazed!"

Diplomacy is the art of saying, "Nice doggie," until you can find a rock.

Eight years working for the same firm, he was never absent or late. Then one morning he came in an hour and a half late, his clothes torn, his face and hands scratched and bloody.

"How come you're late?" asked the boss, indignantly.

"I leaned out the window and fell three stories."

"That took you an hour and a half?"

A vacationist planned to take a solo hike into the mountains. An old grizzled guide was checking up on the supplies he was taking with him.

"Have you a map and compass?" asked the guide.

"Certainly," replied the hiker.

"And have you got a deck of playing cards?"

"No," said the surprised man.

"What do I need playing cards for?"

"It might save your life," replied the guide. "I always carry a deck. If you get lost in the woods, just sit down and start playing a game of solitaire. The next thing you know some durn fool will pop up behind you and start telling you what card to play next!"

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Mrs. Emory Rikert and Mrs. Electa Cole tied for first prize at the card party held in Bernardston last Saturday evening. A public card party is scheduled to be held at the Northfield Grange hall for Saturday evening, Nov. 23.

"I'd like to have the rest of the day off," said the mail clerk to the postmaster. "I don't feel very well, and I won't be able to sort the mail."

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The Northfield Grange will meet Tuesday evening, Nov. 12, and a Scout program is scheduled.

Airman 1st Class Robert Fisher is spending a leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fisher. He has just returned from two years service in Japan and will soon report at Andrew's Air Force Base in Baltimore. He is assigned to medical corps duty.

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Five navy medical officers and 15 corpsmen from the aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain operated in teams to care for the sick and to dispense medical supplies to the victims of Spain's worst flood in a half-century, at Valencia, in mid-October.

Three navy planes from air development squadron-6 completed the earliest flight in history to Antarctica when they landed at the air facility at McMurdo Sound on Oct. 1 marking the beginning of Deepfreeze III.

Marine helicopter squadron-262, operating from the aircraft carrier USS Lake Champlain, distributed 1,500 pounds of medical supplies, 4,000 pounds of meat, bread, "C" rations, dried milk and water purifier to the victims of Spain's worst flood in a half-century, at Valencia, in mid-October.

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The first assembly of the year was held in the gymnasium because the auditorium is unfinished.

At that time Harold Rood, representative of Curtis Publishing Co. explained about the campaign for the annual magazine drive which is a means of earning money for the individual classes who plan to go to Washington in the spring. Mr. Leonard is faculty chairman and the faculty advisors are Mr. Callahan and Mr. Trumbull. Student managers are Harry White and Nancy Coates. Their assistant is Peggy Streeter. The student promotion manager is Cora Hurlburt. The following people are captains: 7A, Brenda Billings; John Fallon; 7B, Gretchen Hammond; James Fowler; 7C, Margaret Strecker; Fred Walbridge; 8A, Joan Bartlett; Leslie Deane; 8B, April Glabach; Ronald Jordan; 8C, Ruth Wood; Kenneth Miller; 9A, Marsha Billings; Raymond Allen; 9B, Carolyn Whithead; Peter Leach; 10A, Diane Coutu; Raymond Glabach; 10B, Linda Streeter; William Pratt; 11A, Lee Ann Corkins; Wendall Barton; 11B, Sally Sheldon; Richard Leach; 12, Nancy Oakman; John Morgan.

Last Thursday the chemistry class was held in the completed laboratory for the first time. Mr. Callahan has brought over the equipment from the Northfield and Bernardston laboratories, and it was divided among the students. The laboratory is organized so that the class is divided into groups of four, each group having its own table. Each student has a drawer where he keeps his equipment and everyone is responsible for the equipment assigned to him. The first two days of class were spent in washing tables and cleaning equipment. On Tuesday the students working in pairs, made hydrogen.

During the past two weeks there have been many absences among students and faculty because of flu and bad colds. Mr. Upham has been busy writing out make-up slips which allow the students to return to their regular classes. Among the faculty who have been ill are Mrs. Marguerite Bolt, who returned Wednesday after being out for two weeks; Brian Overdorf, agriculture teacher; Robert Upham, history teacher; and Kenneth Cook, mathematics teacher.

The annual "I Speak for Democracy" contest has just been announced. Several students from the junior and senior classes have volunteered. They will make rough drafts which will be handed in on Tuesday, the 12th. Mrs. Yeager, speech teacher, and Mr. Upham, problems of democracy teacher, will select a winner. The contest will take place in the middle of November. The winner from P. V. and winners from other schools will go to Greenfield to read their speeches.

At P.V. a very modern sewing room is being equipped under direction of Mrs. Hammond. The room contains many very up-to-date features that add a great deal to the homemaking department. The furniture includes a cutting table, five sewing tables and a four-way mirror with a wardrobe behind it. Also, there is miscellaneous cupboard space, a filing cabinet, a rack for fashion magazines and a special space for the ironing boards and irons. Each student will be assigned a tote-box in which to keep her materials. These boxes will fit into a stool for hanging skirts. A planter

for an indoor garden has been placed at one end of the room.

The boys in vocational agriculture are preparing themselves for the 24th annual Future Farmers of America judging contest to be held at the University of Massachusetts on Nov. 14 and 15.

The group has been concentrating on judging dairy cattle and general livestock. It has made local field trips to Mt. Hermon and the Perry Farm in Bernardston to judge dairy cattle and swine.

The Future Farmers of America chapter at P.V.R.S. at present is selling the Farm Journal Magazine in order to purchase the official F.F.A. (Future Farmers of America) jackets and other equipment. The following officers were elected at a recent F.F.A. chapter meeting: president, Michael Sloan; vice president, Richard Ross; treasurer, Willis Deane; secretary, Ernest Rogers; reporter, Edward Shaw; sentinel, Peter Snow; chaplain, Home Browning; parliamentarian, Fred Fuller and Brian Scott; advisor, Mr. Overdorf.

The majorettes practice baton twirling every Wednesday during activity period under the supervision of Miss Smiley. The girls participating in this sport are Martha Cobb, Marianne Smith, Marilyn Croutworst, Shirley Johnson, Cindy Grover, Judie Rice, Elinor Powers and Jane Pratt. Tryouts will begin in the spring.

Gym suits have arrived for both boys and girls. The girls gym suits are red and are being pur-

chased from Miss Smiley. The boys' gym suits consist of black and white T-shirts and black shorts with school emblems on them. They are being purchased from Mr. Messer.

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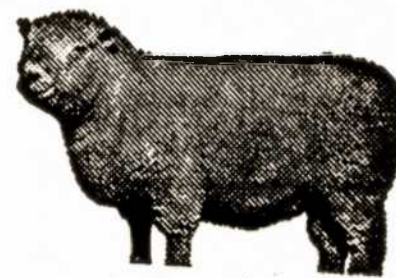
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